

AGENDA  
**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
8 AM on June 4-5, 2015  
Ramkota River Center  
920 West Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

**Call to order 8 AM CDT**

**Division of Administration**

Action items:

1. Approve minutes of the May 2015 meeting  
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission>
2. Additional Commissioner salary days
3. License list requests
4. FY16 Budget

**Open Forum**

**Proposals**

5. Archery Antelope Hunting Season
6. Firearm Antelope Hunting Season
7. CSP Antelope Hunting Season
8. Sage Grouse Hunting Season
9. Fall Turkey Hunting Season
10. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season
11. Early Fall Canada Goose Hunting Season
12. Threatened and Endangered Species
13. Custer State Park Road Restrictions

**Division of Parks and Recreation**

Action item:

14. Lewis and Clark Resort Concession Lease

Information items:

15. Mt. Rushmore Trail EIS
16. Good Earth State Park update
17. Parks Revenue and Camping Reservations
18. Miscellaneous updates

**Division of Wildlife**

Action items:

19. Adopt the Black Hills fisheries management plans
20. Mountain Lion Plan Extension
21. Depredation Hunts Resolutions

Information items:

22. Land Acquisitions
23. Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment and Delisting Process

24. Sportsmen Against Hunger
25. Fish spawning and stocking plans
26. Limited license drawings
27. Shooting Preserves
28. Missouri River fishing outlook
29. Leadership development program
30. License sales report
31. Miscellaneous updates

## **2 PM Public Hearing**

### **Finalizations on Friday morning**

32. East River Deer Hunting Season
33. West River Deer Hunting Season
34. Black Hills Deer Hunting Season
35. Refuge Deer Hunting Season
36. Archery Deer Hunting Season
37. Archery deer access permits for Newton Hills State Park
38. Crossbow requirements
39. Boat lighting requirements
40. Special Canada goose
41. Non-resident waterfowl licenses

## **Adjourn**

Next meeting information:  
July 1-2 (Wednesday and Thursday)  
RedRossa Convention Center, Pierre, SD



Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
May 7-8, 2015

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. MDT at the Creekside Lodge in Custer State Park. Commissioners John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Duane Sather, Barry Jensen, Jim Spies, Gary Jensen, W. Scott Phillips, and H. Paul Dennert were present. Department Secretary Kelly R. Hepler was present along with approximately sixty public, staff, and media.

Chairman Cooper indicated that the management plan schedule was to be added to the agenda under Wildlife information items.

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

### **Approve Minutes**

Chairman Cooper called for additions or corrections to the April 1-2, 2015, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO APPROVE THE APRIL 1-2, 2015, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Additional Salary Days**

Chairman Cooper called for additional salary days, Peterson requested two days, and Gary Jensen requested one.

Motion by Spies with second by Barry Jensen TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **License list requests**

Director Chris Petersen presented a license list request from the South Dakota Wildlife Federation for the 2014 non-resident small game license holders at the reduced fee. This is an annual request and would be used to send a survey asking about fees paid for hunting access in South Dakota, preserves, and more.

Petersen presented a list request from Rinehart Taxidermy Inc. for a list of licensed taxidermists to mail a supply catalog. This is a full fee request.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE BOTH LICENSE LIST REQUESTS AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PROPOSALS**

### **Non-resident waterfowl licenses**

Director Tony Leif gave a PowerPoint Presentation of the recommendations from the work group provided to the Commission at the April meeting. Leif indicated all the recommendations were listed on the proposal action sheet with noted opposition from work group members. Chief Kirschenmann shared internal staff discussion indicating most of the comments received thus far were about the northeast portion of the state

and this area was identified as the pressure point in the state. The work group recommended changes could help with the pressure in that area. Brookings, Lake, and Kingsbury Counties may see increased hunters. The northcentral six-county area may see additional non-resident hunters due to the reallocation of licenses not sold in central South Dakota. Private lands in central South Dakota would have little impact with licenses still available to hunters for this area. The additional three-day non-resident licenses would add additional pressure in an already high concentration area of hunters. From the standpoint of removing the non-resident restriction during the September goose season in the southeast, the increase in hunting pressure is anticipated to be negligible. Bennett County would see negligible change of hunters.

Director Leif shared that youth hunting was a high concern of the work group and the Department recommends one hundred two-day non-resident youth license and a need to establish a fee for this license. Leif indicated that if the Commission accepted the work group recommendations there is a need to modify a rule to allow for the movement of some the unsold licenses from one area to another.

Discussion ensued about additional non-resident licenses and youth licenses and the opportunity to amend the work group recommendations, the process for public comment, and that amendments can be considered at the June meeting.

#### Work Group Recommendations:

1. Add Spink County to current 9-county northeast SD license unit.
2. Retain the allocation of 500 3-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
3. Allocate 2,000 10-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
4. Allocate 1,750 10-day licenses for the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE SD and SE SD license units.
5. Remove Potter County from the central SD 3-day license unit.
6. Create a new NR license unit in northcentral SD that would include Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Faulk, Edmunds and McPherson counties.
7. Allocate 250 3-day licenses to this new unit in north central SD that would be transferred from the central SD hunting unit.
8. Reduce the license allocation for the central SD hunting unit to 1200 licenses.
9. Transfer 50 3-day licenses from the central SD unit to the existing 5-county unit in southeastern SD along the Missouri River.
10. Absorb the current Bennett County 10-day license into the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE and SE units.
11. Remove the restriction in SE SD on nonresidents hunting during the September Canada goose hunting season.
12. Create 100 NR youth waterfowl licenses (25 season-long licenses in the SE SD unit and 75 10-day licenses valid in the rest of the state).

#### Department Recommendations

1. Create 100 nonresident youth licenses that are valid for the youth waterfowl hunting season.
2. Establish the fee for any nonresident youth waterfowl license (Under 16 years of age) at \$10.
3. Amend 41:06:16:11.01 by removing allowances for unsold licenses to be transferred between units.

Motion by Sather with second by Dennert TO APPROVE FOR PROPOSAL THE TWELVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORK GROUP AND THREE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (above). Roll call vote: Dennert-yes; Barry Jensen-yes; Gary Jensen-no; Peterson-yes; Phillips-yes; Sather-yes; Spies-no; Cooper-yes. Motion carried with six yes votes and two no votes.

### **Special Canada goose**

Chief Tom Kirschenmann presented recommended changes to special Canada goose. This is a late season beginning the second week of November and a public meeting was held with 7-8 people attending with only one person not supporting the change of eliminating the Special Canada goose season and moving Bennett County into Unit 2 of the goose season.

1. Repeal 41:06:16:08. Special Canada goose hunting unit established – Limited permits – Application.
2. Place Bennett County into Unit 2 of the regular goose hunting season.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Peterson TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON - SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **East River Deer Hunting Season**

Andy Lindbloom presented the deer management and research update prior to Department recommendations. The information is later in these minutes.

Chief Tom Kirschenmann and Chad Switzer presented the season dates, open area, licenses, requirements, and restrictions followed by recommendations. License and tag allocations by unit with recommended changes were included.

1. Offer 250 less one-tag licenses and 1,050 more two-tag licenses (2,100 tags) compared to 2014.
2. Establish Unit ERD-07B as an antlerless deer unit within Yankton County described as that portion of Yankton County south of SD Highway 50 and west of US Highway 81 (see map).

Motion by Peterson with second by Sather TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion on the West River Deer Hunting Season the following action was taken.

Motion by Dennert with second by Phillips TO REOPEN THE EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON PROPOSALS. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Gary Jensen TO AMEND THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON TO INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF THE DATES AND LICENSES VALID FOR THE NINE DAYS BEGINNING ON THE SATURDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Offer 250 less one-tag licenses and 1,050 more two-tag licenses (2,100 tags) compared to 2014.
2. Establish Unit ERD-07B as an antlerless deer unit within Yankton County described as that portion of Yankton County south of SD Highway 50 and west of US Highway 81 (see map).
3. Remove the dates and licenses for the nine consecutive days beginning the Saturday after Christmas.

Motion by Phillips with second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE AMENDED PROPOSED CHANGES TO EAST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON. Motion carried unanimously.

### **West River Deer Hunting Season**

Switzer presented the season dates, open area, licenses, and requirements and recommendations with the harvest and success rates for the past five years. Kirschenmann handed out a sheet showing the season dates for specific units and how they align with the regular west river season; the intention is to align the season dates with the adjacent tribal season. Discussion began on the extended season and that included the history of the season and reasons for it.

1. Adjust resident license numbers by decreasing one-tag licenses by 250 compared to 2014.
2. Adjust nonresident license numbers by decreasing one-tag licenses by 20 compared to 2014.
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit WRD-30A (Gregory County) and Unit WRD-50A (Mellette County) as described: The season in these units are open for four consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 19 days prior to Thanksgiving first Saturday of November and for seven consecutive days beginning on the Monday three days prior to Thanksgiving after the third Saturday of November.
4. Adjust the season dates for Unit WRD-20A (Corson County), WRD-24A (Dewey County), and WRD-64A (Ziebach County) from being open for 23 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to the regular season dates of 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday twelve days prior to Thanksgiving.
5. Change county name of Unit WRD-65A from Shannon County to Oglala Lakota County.
6. Remove the dates and licenses for the nine consecutive days beginning the Saturday after Christmas.

Motion by Phillips with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE WEST RIVER DEER HUNTING SEASON AS LISTED ABOVE. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Black Hills Deer Hunting Season**

Switzer presented the season dates, open area, licenses, requirements, and restrictions along with harvest and success rates for the Black Hills Deer Hunting Season. The recommended change is to increase the number of licenses about seventeen percent.

Offer 500 more resident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses and 40 more nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses.

### **Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season**

Chad Switzer presented the season dates, licenses, requirements, and restrictions for the Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season along with harvest and success information. There were no recommended changes to the season and no action was required or taken.

### **Refuge Deer Hunting Season**

Switzer presented the season dates, licenses, requirements, and restrictions for the National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season along with harvest and hunter success rates. The recommended changes were to offer additional licenses and adjust season dates. Discussion included the December season dates at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

1. Open Unit RFD-SL4 and offer 20 more resident and 2 more nonresident "any deer" licenses and 10 more resident and 1 more nonresident "any antlerless deer" licenses for Sand Lake NWR.
2. Adjust the season dates for Waubay NWR as follows:
  - Unit RFD-WA1 is open for 8 consecutive days beginning eight days prior to the beginning of East River deer hunting season.
  - Unit RFD-WA2 is open for 8 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-WA1 season.
  - Unit RFD-WA3 is open for 7 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-WA2 season.
3. Remove the dates and licenses valid for the nine consecutive days beginning the Saturday after Christmas.

Motion by Dennert with second by Barry Jensen TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER HUNTING SEASON AS LISTED ABOVE. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Archery Deer Hunting Season**

Chad Switzer presented the season dates, open areas, licenses, requirements, and restrictions along with harvest and success information for the Archery Deer Hunting Season.

1. For Unit ARD-LM1, provide an exception that would allow hunters possessing an access permit to archery hunt Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve Area.
2. Increase the number of "antlerless whitetail deer" archery access permits from 0 to 20 for the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO ARCHERY DEER HUNTING SEASON AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Application for license**

Switzer presented a change to Application for License to allow for an access permit at Newton Hills State Park.

Amend 41:06:02:17 as described below:

Access permits required for specific West River deer hunting units and public lands. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt West River deer units 24B, 27L, and 35L. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt Newton Hills State Park. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Peterson TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season**

Chad Switzer presented the season dates, open area, licenses, requirements, and restrictions along with harvest data and success rates for the Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season. There were no recommended changes and no action was required or taken.



### **Youth Deer Hunting Season**

Switzer presented the season dates, open area, licenses, requirements, and restrictions along with harvest data and hunter success rates. There were no recommended changes and no action was required or taken.

Chad Switzer provided information showing the rule and a map indicating there will be no free antlerless landowner licenses for 2015.

### **Furbearer seasons**

Keith Fisk presented the season dates and open area for skunk, opossum, jackrabbit, fox, raccoon, badger, mink, weasel, beaver trapping and hunting, and muskrat hunting and trapping seasons. The harvest information for raccoon, beaver, muskrat, mink, and weasel were included. There were no recommended changes to any of the seasons and no action was required or taken. Fisk indicated this will begin the multi-year season setting process for these seasons and they are scheduled for review in 2017. The bobcat season will be reviewed at the August meeting.

### **Crossbow requirements**

Andy Alban presented a recommended change to Persons with Disabilities that would allow telescopic sights and lighted sight pins to be used by crossbow permittees. These permits are a lifetime permit that needs to be renewed every four years; and currently, there are about 1,200 permits issued. Arden Peterson indicated that most crossbows are manufactured with scopes.

Amend 41:09:12:02 (Crossbow and bolt specifications) to allow telescopic sights and lighted sight pins to be used by crossbow permittees.

Motion by Gary Jensen with second by Spies TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Boat lighting requirements**

Alban presented a recommended change to Motorboats and Watercraft to allow an exception for law enforcement officers to operate a watercraft after dark without lights, in certain circumstances, similar to a motor vehicle.

Add a provision to 41:04:05:18 that would exempt law enforcement officers from boat lighting requirements if certain criteria are met.

Motion by Dennert with second by Phillips TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO MOTORBOATS AND WATERCRAFT AS RECOMMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Pete Kopel of Rapid City, SD, said it became evident the he does not know everything he needs to know on the non-resident waterfowl issue. He believes the real determinant is birds and wetland, and that guides and new non-resident license

opportunity will lessen opportunity for South Dakota residents. He feels that there is adequate opportunity to non-resident hunters who hunt waterfowl and sees no reason to increase their opportunity.

Chris Hesla representing the South Dakota Wildlife Federation referenced the deal made sixteen years ago for hunters to have access for public hunting in central South Dakota. The licenses today were only referred to as unsold and should not be called that as they are designated to central South Dakota and they should not be moved and this is going back on a deal that was cut. He believes any solution should be benefiting residents.

Terry Mayes of Rapid City, SD, reminded everyone that the recommendations were not 100 percent agreed upon by all work group members. A minority of the work group members wanted a 5-10 percent decrease of licenses and some of the northeast licenses moved back to Missouri river area, youth licenses could be expanded, and he wants something done to keep the Legislature out of this process.

Jeff Olson of Rapid City, SD, representing the Black Hills Sportsmen's Club, stated that management plans are needed and that habitat, habitat, and habitat is important. He encouraged GFP to work with National Forest Service to develop the fish management plan and that habitat is important on these streams, he believes there is no need to study it. The waterfowl rules currently in place are good and it has taken a lot of time to get where we are today and urges no change as it is a good plan. He stated his support for the additional property at the Outdoor Campus West and glad to see the purchase.

Kyle Hauck of Belle Fourche, SD, requested Commission consideration of "no" allocation to move the three-day license from one unit to a different unit. He would like to see Fall River and Butte counties added to a late season unit as there is opportunity in these counties.

Lowell Schmitz of Rapid City, SD, shared about his brief career history that it ended in 2012 indicating he had an opportunity to plead his case and few hours later the media had reported that he lost his job. He hired an attorney and entered into the appeals process and it has been three years and has not had his day in court. He wants to know when he will get it. Cooper recommended Schmitz continue to work with his attorney and Bureau of Human Resources. Schmitz understands and still wants his day in court and will see this process through.

Ev Hoyt of Rapid City, SD, stated the last fifteen months he has been involved with the focus group for the Black Hills Management Plan for Lakes and Streams and requested the Commission defer action on the plan today. He has seen the abbreviated version of comments and handed out a map showing major reservoirs indicating the lakes were that were not included in the plan and believes these should be included. He mentioned the petition to add other species into these lakes and that there are three other cold water lakes in the Black Hills that they should be managed as the unique cold water resources that they are.

Hoyt handed out his comments and information from the U.S. Forest Service Environmental Assessment of Byway Lakes Enhancement Project noting that the recreation impact indicated that of the 1.8 million visitors to Custer State Park 33% fish at the lakes. Hoyt shared that The Black Hills National Forest indicates that of the 1.2 million visitors 36% come to fish. Hoyt has seen all drafts of the management plan and

believes they are getting closer, and with changes made last week, and he would like to have time to review them. Hoyt referenced his letter to Hepler about uniqueness of management in west river lakes and streams having both cold and warm water fisheries and other wildlife. He stated that the Missouri River has a dedicated staff to manage the river and suggested the coldwater fisheries in the Black Hills be managed with their own staff.

Hans Steffenson of Rapid City, SD, stated that he has been involved in process for the Black Hills Management Plan for Lakes and Streams. He is excited for the implementation of the plans and looking forward to review recent changes. The coldwater fisheries are unique for wild trout opportunities and supports the concentration of habitat for the wild fish on Rapid and Spearfish Creeks. He stated the plan has a lot in it to start the process of habitat improvement. Wild trout fishing has become concentrated and habitat denigration is due to high flow events. The trout have been resilient in these watersheds and there is a need to have focus on habitat in order for the wild trout to thrive in these watersheds in both drought years and good years.

Tom Slowey of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) thanked the Commission and the Department for the opportunity to have Black Hills elk tag drawing today. The RMEF volunteers work hard to get sales for that tag. A drawing was held for the four prizes and that revenue generated will be used for elk habitat in the Black Hills.

#### **Award Presentations:**

Secretary Hepler handed out longevity awards. Director Leif recognized GFP staff and presented the Teamwork Award to the eighteen members who worked on the Elk Management Plan. Leif named the team members and presented a medallion to them. Leif provided an overview of the development of the plan stating the team produced a high quality product for the Department.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

### **Outdoor Campus West property addition**

Director Leif presented information for the purchase of 6.64 acres from Harney Lumber Company adjacent to the Rapid City Outdoor Campus West. The property is to be used for facility and public parking and that Parks and Wildlife Foundation, state, and federal funds will be used to make this purchase. Leif requested favorable consideration of Resolution 15-03 to facilitate the purchase.

Motion by Peterson with second by Gary Jensen TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-03 AS PRESENTED (Attachment A). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adopt the Black Hills fisheries management plans**

Geno Adams gave a PowerPoint Presentation that included reviewing the process used to develop the Fisheries Management Plan for Black Hills Reservoirs and Stream which included a focus group, and public and staff input and comments. Adams stated implementation of the plan is key and a work plan is being developed. The draft plans were handed out for Commission review and consideration at the next meeting.



### **Deer management and research**

Andy Lindbloom gave a PowerPoint Presentation that included age ratios, population and aerial surveys, the different seasons, and their 2014 harvest and success rate information. Lindbloom included in-house research projects and management objectives, fawn annual survival, habitat loss, public impact, weather events, and disease information.

**Sportsmen Against Hunger** was moved to the June meeting.

### **AIS rule implementation and out reach**

AIS Coordinator Mike Smith gave a PowerPoint Presentation that contained information on the task force meeting, participants, basic information about AIS, review of the 2008 Plan, and open discussion that included prevention, resources, and staffing. Smith showed examples of the signage currently being installed at boat ramps to remind boaters of the new regulations.

Communications Manager Emily Kiel provided a sample of rack cards distributed to all license agents, bait shops, and many more places to education and inform the public and watercraft users of the new regulations.

Assistant Director Arden Petersen provided update on the enforcement of the new regulations and ongoing efforts by Conservation Officers to answer the many questions from anglers regarding the transportation of bait and fish away from waters when done fishing.

**Fish spawning** was moved to the June meeting.

### **Avian Influenza**

Chief Tom Kirschenmann provided an update on the Avian Influenza indicating GFP continues to assist by sending in bird samples from the projects currently in place. At this time, there seems to be no impact in South Dakota on wild birds; however, pheasant farms and preserves are nervous about impacts to the supply of pheasants.

**Leadership development program** was moved to the June meeting.

**License sales report** included in book

### **Management Plan Schedule** (added agenda item)

Director Leif shared that recommendations from the Wildlife Management Review included writing management plans and the Elk Management Plan was recently completed. Leif indicated several plans are scheduled to be revised, and there currently is no deer management plan. There is concern about the overlap of staffing in developing the deer plan and revising the mountain lion plan. Leif indicated the Commission will likely be asked to extend the current mountain lion plan at the June meeting to allow staff to focus on drafting the deer management plan.

Chairman Cooper called for a recess at 5:52 p.m. with meeting to resume at 8 a.m. the next morning. The meeting resumed at 8:00 a.m. with all Commissioners present. Secretary Hepler was present along with thirty public, staff, and media.

## **DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Custer State Park Resorts bonding project and the Custer State Park Visitor Center Film report were presented before consideration of Resolution 15-04.

### **SD Building Authority Custer State Park Bonding Resolution**

Chris Petersen provided a slide showing the bond rates Game, Fish, and Parks have been able to utilize on projects and that the taxable and non-taxable rates are nearly the same the last few months. The South Dakota Bonding Authority is ready to take advantage of these rates. Petersen presented Special Resolution 15-04 for Commission consideration to authorize the Department Secretary and the Commission Chairman to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Thirteenth Lease Supplement to the South Dakota Building Authority that will provide funding of the Custer State Parks Resorts improvement project and the Custer State Park Visitor Center Film Project.

Motion by Peterson with second by Spies TO ADOPT SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 15-04 AS PRESENTED (Appendix B). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Angostura Concession Amendment**

Concession Manager Sean Blanchette introduced Ryan Alcorn and Jay Leasure of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Angostura Recreation Area Manager Willy Collignon, and Angostura Resort Manager Mick Heying. Parks, resort, and BOR staff have been cooperatively developing a plan to improve the Breakers Beachside Food Service at the resort. The 2013 concession agreement required \$75,000 in upgrades to the existing Breakers to include deck repairs, new kitchen equipment, insect repellent equipment, and new tables and chairs with a deadline of January 1, 2014. The concessionaire has not yet completed the required investment but has instead proposed a complete replacement of Breakers at an estimated cost of \$325,000. Blanchette provided photos of the existing structure and schematics of the proposed replacement structure. The Department has agreed to provide utility infrastructure to the building with an amortized reimbursement for the costs from the concessionaire over time. The concession agreement amendment includes requirements for construction including a deadline of May 1, 2016; the addition of an annual utility installation assessment payment; a formal authorization of licenses beer, wine, and alcohol sales in the new Breakers; and a formal allowance of Video Lottery in state approved locations in Breakers with the final authorization subject to BOR approval.

Motion by Barry Jensen with second by Dennert TO ADOPT THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA AS PRESENTED (Appendix C). Motion carried unanimously.

**Custer State Park Resort Bonding project**

Director Doug Hofer introduced Jim Bruget of Perspective Architecture and Andy Scull of Scull Construction. Bruget provided a PowerPoint Presentation showing the design of resort improvements and new cabins for Custer State Park Resorts that will be financed by the CSP bonding project authorized by the 2015 Legislature. Scull showed site plans for the CSP Visitor Center and indicated site preparation has begun.

**Custer State Park Visitor Center Film**

Director Hofer shared that the CSP Visitor Center film contract was awarded to Aperture Films to produce a four-season, twenty-minute film for Custer State Park with filming to begin as early as next week. The film will include the buffalo calving season and the Buffalo Roundup this fall. Hofer stated funding for the film is part of the bonding project authorized by the 2015 Legislature.

**Parks Revenue and Camping Reservations**

Assistant Director Bob Schneider presented the January thru April 2015 Revenue report showing a revenue increase thus far this year of 13% with 12% of the increase occurring in camping reservations. Schneider stated that campers are making more reservations online as it is more convenient and it is economical for the Parks Division.

Chairman Cooper reminded Commissioners about the WAFWA Conference in July and requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Petersen with second by Barry Jensen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Governor Dugaard recognized and personally thanked Lloyd Paulson and his family for their recent, generous contribution of \$1 million dollars for the Custer State Park Visitor Center Project. Governor Dugaard noted and recognized the other \$1 million contributions from the James and Eloise Elmen Foundation and the Helmsley Charitable Trust that will ensure the Custer State Park Visitor Center will be a world-class place for people from around the world to come and visit. The Governor also recognized contributions for the new Custer State Park Visitor Center from the James D. Neiman Family, Regency CSP Ventures Limited Partnership, SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, Black Hills Corporation Foundation, Scull Construction Services Inc., and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K R Hepler', written over a horizontal line.

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

Attachment A

**RESOLUTION 15 - 03**

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Harney Lumber Company (HLC PROPERTY), located adjacent to the GFP regional office facility within the city limits of Rapid City, South Dakota, and described as:

Lot 1 of Tract E of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Meadowwood Subdivision, in Section 33 of Township 2 North, Range 7 East of the BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota, and

Lots 4-7 of Tract B of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Meadowwood Subdivision, in Section 33 of Township 2 North, Range 7 East of the BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the HLC PROPERTY would be acquired at a price of \$306,586.00 to be utilized by the Wildlife Division for Administrative purposes; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the acquisition of the HLC PROPERTY for Administrative purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the acquisition of the HLC PROPERTY at a total price of \$306,586.00, and execute and consummate an agreement with the Harney Lumber Company, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire the HLC PROPERTY for administrative uses.

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 15-04**

REQUESTING THE SOUTH DAKOTA BUILDING AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CERTAIN TAXABLE REVENUE BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THIRTEENTH LEASE SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEASE DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1984, WITH THE SOUTH DAKOTA BUILDING AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES AT CUSTER STATE PARK AND RELATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Senate Bill No. 50, enacted during the 2015 Session of the South Dakota Legislature ("SB 50"), provides that up to \$11,500,000 of revenue bonds may be issued by the South Dakota Building Authority, at the request of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks (the "Department"), to finance the construction, reconstruction, renovation, and modernization of certain state park facilities and infrastructure at Custer State Park described therein, together with related capital expenditures, including the costs of developing a film for the visitor center promoting Custer State Park (collectively, the "Project"), which bonds may be issued either as tax-exempt or as taxable bonds, as appropriate. The Department desires to request the Authority to issue the bonds authorized by SB 50 (the "Bonds").

In order to provide for the financing of the Project through the issuance of Bonds, the South Dakota Building Authority has requested that the Department execute a Thirteenth Lease Supplement to the Lease dated February 1, 1984, providing for the lease to the Department of the Project to be financed with proceeds of the Bonds.

The form of the proposed Lease Supplement is attached hereto and provision is made for the determination of rents under the formula heretofore established by the Authority and heretofore accepted by the Department. The Authority anticipates sale of the Revenue Bonds and, therefore, requests the execution of the Thirteenth Lease Supplement.

***THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission of the State of South Dakota as follows:***

Pursuant to Section 7 of SB 50, that the Department of Game, Fish and Parks hereby requests the South Dakota Building Authority to issue Bonds to finance the Project, and directs that the Bonds be issued as taxable revenue bonds, inasmuch as the Department has determined that it is not possible to finance the Project using the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.

That the Commission Chair and Department Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Department the Thirteenth Lease Supplement between the Department and the South Dakota Building Authority to provide for the financing of the Project through the issuance of the Bonds.

All prior resolutions and other acts or proceedings of this Commission which are in any way inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution are hereby amended to the extent necessary to give full force and effect to this Resolution.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Department of Game, Fish and Parks

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Appendix C  
**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT  
ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA**

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA is entered in to between the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, hereinafter referred to as the ("Department") and Angostura Resort Management, hereinafter referred to as ("Concessionaire"). This amendment is subject to the Regulations promulgated by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission identified as ARSD Article 41:13 Park Concession Leases effective October 17, 2005, ("the Rules") and to all terms and conditions of Management Agreement No. R12MU60085, memorandum of understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MOU" and any amendments thereto or replacement contracts between the Department of Game, Fish and Parks and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation"), and in accordance with Reclamation Manual Policy and Directive and Standards, Concessions Management by Non Federal Partners. The Concessionaire has been provided a copy of ARSD Article 41:13, effective date October 17, 2005, and the MOU between the Department and Reclamation.

WHEREAS, The Department and the Concessionaire entered into a Concession Agreement on January 22, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, the Concession Agreement included development requirements of the Concessionaire to provide upgrades to the existing Breakers beach side food service facility in the amount of no less than \$75,000 by no later than January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the required project has not yet been completed by the Concessionaire; and

WHEREAS, the Concessionaire has proposed and the Department is agreeable to a modified development plan in lieu of the original required upgrades which includes a complete replacement of the existing Breakers food service facility estimated at a cost of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, The Department and Concessionaire are agreeable to the Department's installation of utility infrastructure as part of the development plan in exchange for an adjustment to Concessionaire's Franchise Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Concessionaire desire to set forth all requirements relative to the construction of the new facility; the disposition of the existing facility; establishment of Possessory Interest in the new facility; as well as authorize additional services relative to the new Breakers facility.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed to by the parties to amend the Concession Lease agreement as follows:

1. Section 5, "Capital Development and Improvement", subsection (a), shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

(a) Concessionaire is required to provide the new Breakers facility at its own expense. The Construction of the new Breakers facility shall be subject to the following terms:

- i. Concessionaire shall not proceed with the construction of the new Breakers facility without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Department, which is subject to all Reclamation reviews. Project approval shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Department.
- ii. The floor plan provided by Dream Design dated April 22, 2015, attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof by this reference shall be used to determine the dimensions of construction. Any material deviations or modifications to this plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior to construction.
- iii. The new Breakers facility shall be designed to meet all applicable federal, state and local health, safety and handicap accessibility codes, ordinances, laws and regulations.
- iv. Final site location of the building is subject to Department approval.
- v. The quality of materials used and workmanship in the construction of the new Breakers facility shall meet or exceed that of existing buildings within the Resort.
- vi. All exterior finish materials and colors are subject to Department approval.
- vii. The construction of the new Breakers facility shall be complete and the building operational by no later than May 1, 2016.
- viii. The Department will provide all water, sewer, and electrical supply connections to within five feet (5') of the new Breakers facility.
- ix. The Concessionaire will be responsible for connecting to the Department provided utility stubs provided per section (a.)viii. above.



- x. The facilities provided pursuant to this Amendment shall be subject to all fees, terms and conditions of the Concession Agreement and as amended herein.
- xi. Upon completion, the new Breakers facility will be designated as a "Concessionaire Facility" at which time Exhibit A-2 of the Concession Agreement shall be modified to reflect such designation.
- xii. Concessionaire shall remove the existing Breakers building and associated storage shed from the Resort area and restore the site to a condition satisfactory to the Department by no later than May 1, 2016.

2. Section 10, "Fees" is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

### **Section 10. Fees**

**Franchise Fees:** Concessionaire shall pay to the Department a franchise fee during each year of the Agreement term which shall be a sum of money equal to the following:

- (a) Five and one half percent (5.5%) of all Gross Receipts less those from the rental of boat slips attached to State owned structures; and
- (b) Thirty five (35%) of Gross Receipts from the rental of boat slips attached to State owned structures; and
- (c) Three cents (\$0.03) per gallon of gasoline sold.

Payments shall be made no later than January 30<sup>th</sup>, for the final quarter of the preceding calendar year; July 30<sup>th</sup>, for the first two quarters of the current calendar year; and October 30<sup>th</sup> for the third quarter of the current calendar year and shall be accompanied by accounting records as described in Section 9(c). Payments to the Department by Concessionaire not received on or before the due date shall be considered to be in arrears and subject to an interest payment equivalent to one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month of the unpaid amount which shall be added to the following month's remittance.

**Sewer System Assessment Fees:** An annual fee of \$880.00 must be assessed to each lot renter in Summersun and Horsehead trailer areas for the amortization of the central sewer system bonding package sponsored by the Department at time of execution of this Agreement. The annual assessment payment shall be collected by the Concessionaire and submitted to the Department with Franchise Fees due on July 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year, provided, however, that Concessionaire shall not be liable to compensate the Department for unpaid wastewater assessment fees when the correlating individual lot lease is

terminated and the Concessionaire provides the Department with documented proof of such termination.

**Breakers Utility Installation Assessment Payment:** The Concessionaire shall pay to the Department an annual amortized fee as reimbursement for the costs of construction of Department installed utility infrastructure for the Breakers facility. The annual payment amount shall not exceed \$5,500 per year. Assessment payments shall be submitted to the Department with Franchise Fees due on July 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year and shall continue until the Department has been fully reimbursed for the costs of construction of the utility infrastructure.

3. Section 3 , "Accommodations, Facilities and Services", subsection (b) under the heading "Additional Authorized Accommodations, Facilities and Services" shall be amended to add the following:
  8. Licensed on-sale beer, wine and liquor sales at Breakers
4. At such time the Department receives written authorization from Reclamation for the installation of Video Lottery, Section 3 , "Accommodations, Facilities and Services", subsection (b) under the heading "Additional Authorized Accommodations, Facilities and Services" shall be amended to add the following:
  9. Video Lottery in Department approved locations only
5. Except as amended herein, the terms and conditions of the concession lease agreement dated January 22, 2013, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Hofer, Director  
Division of Parks and Recreation

CONCESSIONAIRE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gilbert Moyle, President  
Angostura Resort Management, Inc.

APPROVAL

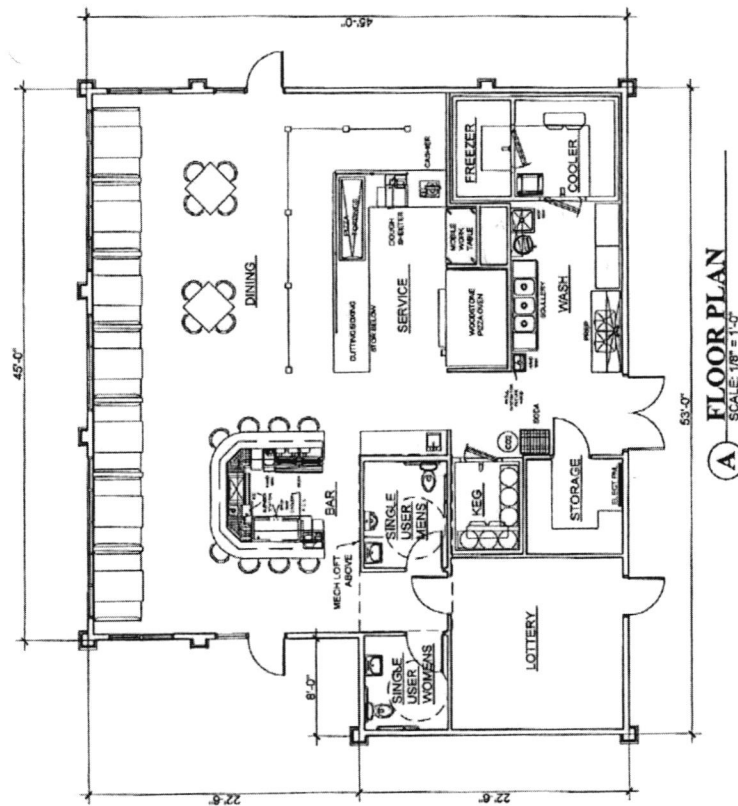
IN WITNESS THEREOF, and having the authority to do so, I approve the above and foregoing amendment to the Concession Lease and terms contained therein this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 pursuant to the authority granted to the undersigned.

US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

BY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Designate office and title)

**Exhibit A**  
**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT**  
**ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA**



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**BREAKERS**  
**ANGOSTURA RESERVOIR**

**FLOOR PLAN**

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 DATE  
 APRIL 22, 2015

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Governance Meeting  
May 7, 2015

Chairman Cooper called the Governance meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. MDT at the Creekside Lodge in Custer State Park, Custer, South Dakota. Commissioners John Cooper, Cathy Peterson, Jim Spies, Barry Jensen, Gary Jensen, Duane Sather, H. Paul Dennert, and W. Scott Phillips were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with the Division of Parks and Recreation Director Doug Hofer, Division of Wildlife Director Tony Leif, Director of Administration Chris Petersen, Staff Attorney Richard Neill, and Executive Secretary Debra Ascher.

The purpose of the governance meeting was to discuss administrative issues and began with updates in per diem rates beginning July 1, 2015. Discussion items included petitions for rule changes and petitions received with signatures from the public and the action they require; Open Forum versus Public Hearing; phone calls for the public comment record; Commissioner assignments to committees and work groups; and Commissioner involvement in fundraising efforts of the Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

Attorney Neill provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the public meeting laws and legislation that was introduced during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Other discussion included license list requests within SDCL and the budget planning process.

The Governance meeting concluded at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hepler', written over the typed name.

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

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**REQUEST FOR LISTS OF LICENSE HOLDERS**

**Application**

*High Prairie Lodge & Outfitters*

*11904 Crook City Road*

*Whitewood, SD 57793*

How would you like your list sent to you: (email or disk)

Disk

Email Address:

kwhauck@hotmail.com

Phone Number

605-578-1222

Purpose for which list will be used:

**This list is Names and Mailing Addresses ONLY**

The sale of lists by the Department of Game, Fish & Parks is authorized by SDCL 1-27-1 and ARSD 41:06:02:04, 05 and 06. The fee for a Game, Fish & Parks Commission approved exception is \$100, otherwise the fee is \$100 per thousand names or a minimum of \$100 whichever is greater.

Unless requested and approved as part of this request, the license list will not include anyone under eighteen years of age. Names are for one-time use only and are to be used only by the person, entity or organization approved per this request.

*David Cicani*  
Authorized Signature of Purchaser

*May 2015*  
Date

Date of Commission Action

**Object Totals by G,F,O**  
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Department 06      GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
Center      06      GAME, FISH, AND PARKS

Object	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
SALARIES	2,556,734	3,693,630	17,410,935	23,661,299	
BENEFITS	193,810	1,107,154	5,974,950	7,275,914	
<b>PS Total</b>	<b>2,750,544</b>	<b>4,800,784</b>	<b>23,385,885</b>	<b>30,937,213</b>	<b>568.4</b>
TRAVEL	3,489	150,515	843,097	997,101	
CONTRACTUAL	2,418,234	11,640,968	15,095,440	29,154,642	
SUPPLIES	3,790	1,579,207	4,713,785	6,296,782	
GRANTS	0	2,647,170	739,740	3,386,910	
CAPITAL	1,035	5,456,713	6,902,246	12,359,994	
OTHER	0	0	421,809	421,809	
<b>OE Total</b>	<b>2,426,548</b>	<b>21,474,573</b>	<b>28,716,117</b>	<b>52,617,238</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,177,092</b>	<b>26,275,357</b>	<b>52,102,002</b>	<b>83,554,451</b>	

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**Object Totals by G,F,O**  
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Department 06  
Center 0601

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
Administration

Object	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
SALARIES	75,360	0	1,239,718	1,315,078	
BENEFITS	55,091	0	377,395	432,486	
<b>PS Total</b>	<b>130,451</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,617,113</b>	<b>1,747,564</b>	<b>20.1</b>
TRAVEL	3,489	0	104,544	108,033	
CONTRACTUAL	814,858	0	595,550	1,410,408	
SUPPLIES	3,790	0	42,998	46,788	
GRANTS	0	0	0	0	
CAPITAL	1,035	0	13,965	15,000	
OTHER	0	0	0	0	
<b>OE Total</b>	<b>823,172</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>757,057</b>	<b>1,580,229</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>953,623</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,374,170</b>	<b>3,327,793</b>	

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**Object Totals by G,F,O**  
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Department 06  
Center 0620

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
State Parks and Recreation

Object	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
SALARIES	2,481,374	759,997	4,915,265	8,156,636	
BENEFITS	138,719	150,327	1,933,811	2,222,857	
<b>PS Total</b>	<b>2,620,093</b>	<b>910,324</b>	<b>6,849,076</b>	<b>10,379,493</b>	<b>244.2</b>
TRAVEL	0	24,230	95,727	119,957	
CONTRACTUAL	1,603,376	1,344,709	4,908,416	7,856,501	
SUPPLIES	0	448,122	1,585,537	2,033,659	
GRANTS	0	700,000	0	700,000	
CAPITAL	0	1,750	762,192	763,942	
OTHER	0	0	419,809	419,809	
<b>OE Total</b>	<b>1,603,376</b>	<b>2,518,811</b>	<b>7,771,681</b>	<b>11,893,868</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,223,469</b>	<b>3,429,135</b>	<b>14,620,757</b>	<b>22,273,361</b>	

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**Object Totals by G,F,O**  
**Operating**  
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Department 06  
Center 0621

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
State Parks and Recreation - D

Object	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
SALARIES	0	0	0	0	
BENEFITS	0	0	0	0	
<b>PS Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	
GRANTS	0	0	0	0	
CAPITAL	0	4,388,613	3,823,887	8,212,500	
OTHER	0	0	0	0	
<b>OE Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,388,613</b>	<b>3,823,887</b>	<b>8,212,500</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,388,613</b>	<b>3,823,887</b>	<b>8,212,500</b>	

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**Object Totals by G,F,O  
Operating**

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Department 06  
Center 0610

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
Wildlife - Info

Object	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
SALARIES	0	2,933,633	10,942,187	13,875,820	
BENEFITS	0	956,827	3,590,059	4,546,886	
<b>PS Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,890,460</b>	<b>14,532,246</b>	<b>18,422,706</b>	<b>295.0</b>
TRAVEL	0	126,285	620,276	746,561	
CONTRACTUAL	0	10,296,259	9,449,545	19,745,804	
SUPPLIES	0	1,131,085	2,903,500	4,034,585	
GRANTS	0	1,947,170	427,240	2,374,410	
CAPITAL	0	21,600	1,891,952	1,913,552	
OTHER	0	0	2,000	2,000	
<b>OE Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,522,399</b>	<b>15,294,513</b>	<b>28,816,912</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,412,859</b>	<b>29,826,759</b>	<b>47,239,618</b>	

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Department 06  
Center 0612

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
Wildlife -Development/Improvement

Object	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
SALARIES	0	0	0	0	
BENEFITS	0	0	0	0	
<b>PS Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	
GRANTS	0	0	0	0	
CAPITAL	0	868,750	261,250	1,130,000	
OTHER	0	0	0	0	
<b>OE Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>868,750</b>	<b>261,250</b>	<b>1,130,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>868,750</b>	<b>261,250</b>	<b>1,130,000</b>	

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**Object Totals by G,F,O**  
**Operating**  
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Department 06  
Center 0622

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
Snowmobile Trails - Info

Object	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
SALARIES	0	0	313,765	313,765	
BENEFITS	0	0	73,685	73,685	
<b>PS Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>387,450</b>	<b>387,450</b>	<b>9.1</b>
TRAVEL	0	0	22,550	22,550	
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	141,929	141,929	
SUPPLIES	0	0	181,750	181,750	
GRANTS	0	0	312,500	312,500	
CAPITAL	0	176,000	149,000	325,000	
OTHER	0	0	0	0	
<b>OE Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>176,000</b>	<b>807,729</b>	<b>983,729</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>176,000</b>	<b>1,195,179</b>	<b>1,371,179</b>	

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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## Archery Antelope Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:24

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 1, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	July 1-2, 2015	Pierre

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Season Dates:** August 15 – October 31, 2015 except when the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open.

**Open Area:** All areas where the prairie (firearm) antelope season is open and Brule, Buffalo, Hand, and Campbell counties; and the portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District with special access permits.

**Licenses:** Unlimited resident "any antelope" licenses.  
Unlimited nonresident "any antelope" licenses.

### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. A person may have only one (1) archery antelope license.
2. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. Five (5) special access permits will be issued via lottery drawing to those licensees who possess a valid "any antelope" resident archery license for those portions of Custer and Pennington counties within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, except Custer State Park.

**Recommended change from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Sold	Tags Issued	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvest	Success
2010	1,490	503	363	87	450	13%
2011	1,246	309	281	56	337	16%
2012	1,212	255	297	22	319	22%
2013	1,164	280	280	51	331	23%
2014	1,165	354	356	28	384	25%

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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## Antelope Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:23

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 1, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	July 1-2, 2015	Pierre

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Season Dates:** October 3 – October 18, 2015

**Open Area:** See the attached map

**Licenses:** Total of 2,972 licenses (3,102 tags)

Residents: 2,780 single tag licenses  
Residents: 125 double tag licenses

Nonresidents: 62 single tag licenses  
Nonresidents: 5 double tag licenses

### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an "any antelope" or a two-tag "any antelope" + "doe/fawn antelope" license that is valid on their property only.

### Recommended changes from last year:

1. Offer resident hunters 75 more one-tag licenses (75 tags) and 125 more two-tag licenses (250 tags) than 2014.
2. Offer nonresident hunters 1 more one-tag licenses (1 tag) and 5 more two-tag licenses (10 tags) than 2014.

### Resident Tags

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2014	2,685	20	2,705
2015	2,885	145	3,030

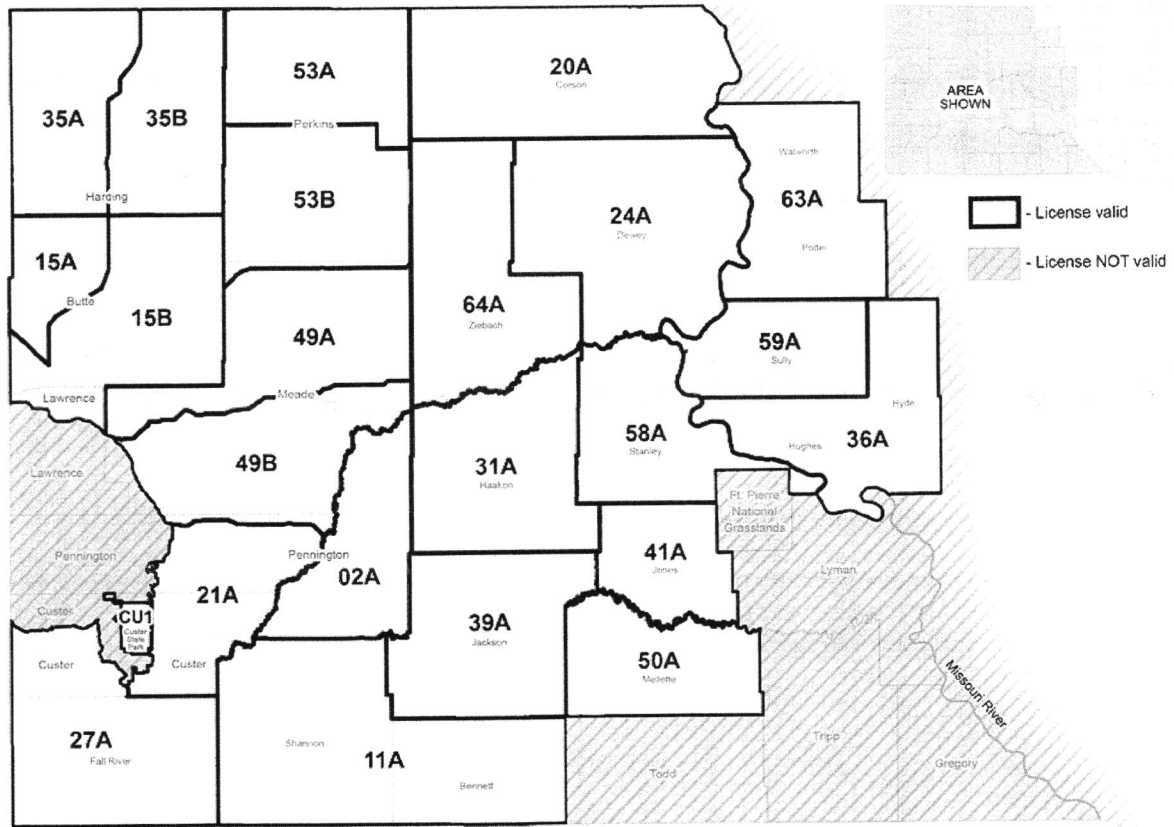
Buck Tags (+7%)  
Doe Tags (+12%)

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licenses Sold	Tags Issued	Bucks Harvested	Doe/Fawn Harvested	Total Harvested	Success
2010	9,379	18,319	3,932	5,017	8,949	49%
2011	6,209	8,898	2,523	1,971	4,493	50%
2012	3,965	4,936	1,695	942	2,637	53%
2013	3,467	4,006	1,454	480	1,935	48%
2014	3,052	3,176	1,770	314	2,083	66%

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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# ANTELOPE UNITS



## License and Tag Numbers by Unit

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	150	150	3	3	41A	20	20	1	1
11A	50	50	1	1	45A	CLOSED			
15A	150	150	3	3	45B	CLOSED			
15B	200	200	4	4	49A	400	400	8	8
20A	40	40	1	1	49B	200	200	4	4
21A	125	250	5	10	50A	20	20	1	1
24A	30	30	1	1	53A	100	100	2	2
27A	500	500	10	10	53B	150	150	3	3
31A	100	100	2	2	58A	60	60	2	2
35A	200	200	4	4	59A	40	40	3	3
35B	150	150	3	3	60A	CLOSED			
36A	40	40	1	1	63A	30	30	2	2
39A	50	50	1	1	64A	100	100	2	2



Unit	Unit Name	% NR	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
			AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Licenses	NR Tags
02A	Pennington East	2%	150			3			150		150	150	3		3	3
11A	Bennett/Shannon	2%	50			1			50		50	50	1		1	1
15A	Butte NW	2%	150			3			150		150	150	3		3	3
15B	Butte/Lawrence	2%	200			4			200		200	200	4		4	4
20A	Corson	2%	40			1			40		40	40	1		1	1
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	4%			125			5		125	125	250		5	5	10
24A	Dewey	2%	30			1			30		30	30	1		1	1
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	2%	500			10			500		500	500	10		10	10
31A	Haakon	2%	100			2			100		100	100	2		2	2
35A	Harding West	2%	200			4			200		200	200	4		4	4
35B	Harding East	2%	150			3			150		150	150	3		3	3
36A	Hughes/Hyde	2%	40			1			40		40	40	1		1	1
39A	Jackson	2%	50			1			50		50	50	1		1	1
41A	Jones	2%	20			1			20		20	20	1		1	1
45A	Lyman		CLOSED													
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands		CLOSED													
49A	Meade North	2%	400			8			400		400	400	8		8	8
49B	Meade South	2%	200			4			200		200	200	4		4	4
50A	Mellette	2%	20			1			20		20	20	1		1	1
53A	Perkins North	2%	100			2			100		100	100	2		2	2
53B	Perkins South	2%	150			3			150		150	150	3		3	3
58A	Stanley	2%	60			2			60		60	60	2		2	2
59A	Sully	4%	30	10		2	1		40		40	40	3		3	3
60A	Tripp		CLOSED													
63A	Walworth/Potter	4%	20	10		1	1		30		30	30	2		2	2
64A	Ziebach	2%	100			2			100		100	100	2		2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,760</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>72</b>
Unit	Unit Name		AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	AnyA 41	D/K 43	AA+D/K 48	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags

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2014--2015 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2014 Resident Licenses	2015 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2014 Resident Tags	2015 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington East	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett/Shannon	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
15A	Butte NW	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
15B	Butte/Lawrence	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
20A	Corson	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
21A	Custer/Pennington Central	125	125	0	0%	125	250	125	100%
24A	Dewey	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
27A	Fall River/Custer Southwest	400	500	100	25%	400	500	100	25%
31A	Haakon	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
35A	Harding West	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
35B	Harding East	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
36A	Hughes/Hyde	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
39A	Jackson	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
41A	Jones	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
45A	Lyman	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
45B	Ft. Pierre National Grasslands	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
49A	Meade North	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
49B	Meade South	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
50A	Mellette	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
53A	Perkins North	50	100	50	100%	50	100	50	100%
53B	Perkins South	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
58A	Stanley	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
59A	Sully	40	40	0	0%	40	40	0	0%
60A	Tripp	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
63A	Walworth/Potter	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
64A	Ziebach	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,705</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>12%</b>

Note: An additional percentage of the number of resident licenses will be available to nonresidents based upon the following harvest strategies by management unit: Restrictive (2%), Moderate (4%), Liberal (8%)

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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## Custer State Park Antelope Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:25

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 1, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	July 1-2, 2015	Pierre

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Season Dates:** October 13 - 21, 2015

**Licenses:** 3 "any" antelope licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Any legal weapon allowed; rifle restrictions would follow state antelope regulation guidelines.
2. Starts Tuesday after Native American Day for 9 days in October.
3. Hunting would not be allowed within 200 yards of any public access road or building in Custer State Park.

**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Licensed Hunters	Applicants	Success Rate	Pronghorn Harvested	Recreation Days
2014	3	1,086	100%	3 bucks	6
2013	3	995	100%	3 bucks	3
2012	3	916	100%	3 bucks	4
2011	3	900	100%	3 bucks	4
2010	13	970	100%	3 bucks, 7 does, 1 fawn	17
2009	13	967	92%	3 bucks, 8 does	19
2008	No Season				

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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## Sage Grouse Hunting Season

Chapters 41:06:10

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 1, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	July 1-2, 2015	Pierre

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Season Dates:** Closed

**Open Area:** Closed

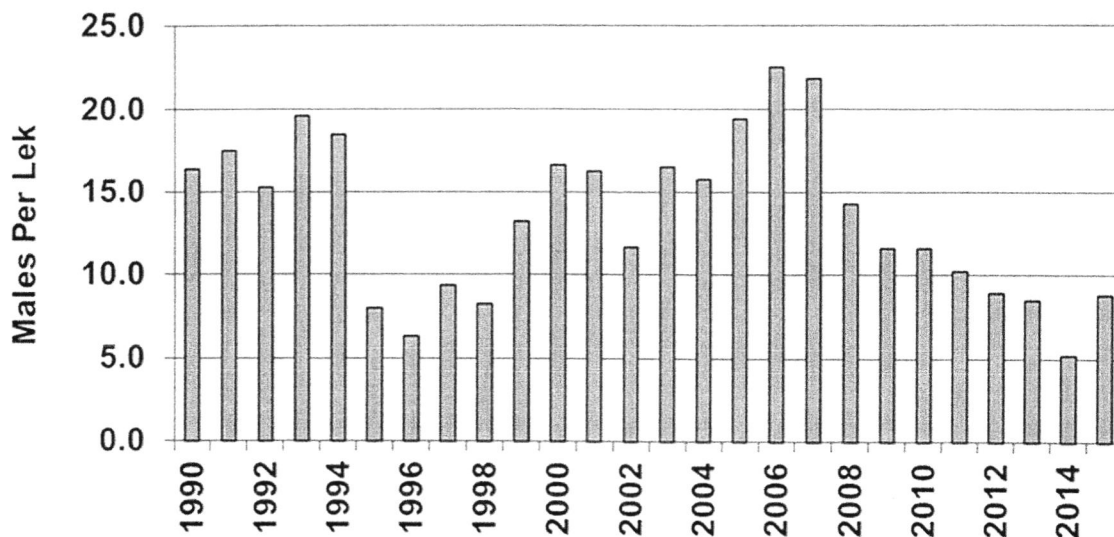
**Recommended changes from last year:** None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

A season closure is again recommended as less than 150 (2015 = 81) males were counted on priority leks AND less than 250 (2015 = 159) males were counted on all leks as identified in the season recommendation guidelines of the sage-grouse management plan.

Year	Number Hunters	Sage Grouse Harvest
2003	36	12
2004	53	25
2005	40	26
2006	46	15
2007	25	10
2008	24	17
2009	20	7
2010	26	12
2011	27	11
2012	35	9
2013	SEASON CLOSED	
2014	SEASON CLOSED	

**Sage Grouse Lek Survey Results, 1990-2015.**



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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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## Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:14

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 1, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 1-2, 2015	Pierre

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Season Dates:** November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016

**Licenses:**

BH1	750 resident and 60 nonresident one-tag "any turkey" licenses
ER Prairie	Residents: 835 single tag "any turkey" licenses
	Residents: 50 two-tag "any turkey" licenses
WR Prairie	Unlimited resident and nonresident single tag "any turkey" licenses for the West River Prairie Unit (WR1).

### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the prairie licenses are available for landowner preference applicants.
2. A person may apply for both a Black Hills license and a prairie unit license in the first drawing.
3. A person is limited to a total of two (2) fall turkey licenses.
4. Hutchinson, Davison and Hanson counties, and the areas below Oahe Dam east of State Hwy1806 and north of Hwy 14-34 in Stanley County, are designated for shotgun or archery hunting only.
5. A person may not use any firearm on the south unit and the signed portion of the north unit of the Bureau of Land Management Fort Meade Recreation Area.
6. No person may shoot a turkey that is in a tree or roost.

### Recommended changes from last year:

1. Offer 100 more one-tag licenses for resident hunters on the East River Prairie Units.
2. Modify Unit NE1 to include those portions of Marshall County south and east of South Dakota State Highway 25 and north of South Dakota State Highway 10 and Roberts County north of South Dakota State Highway 10 (see attached map).

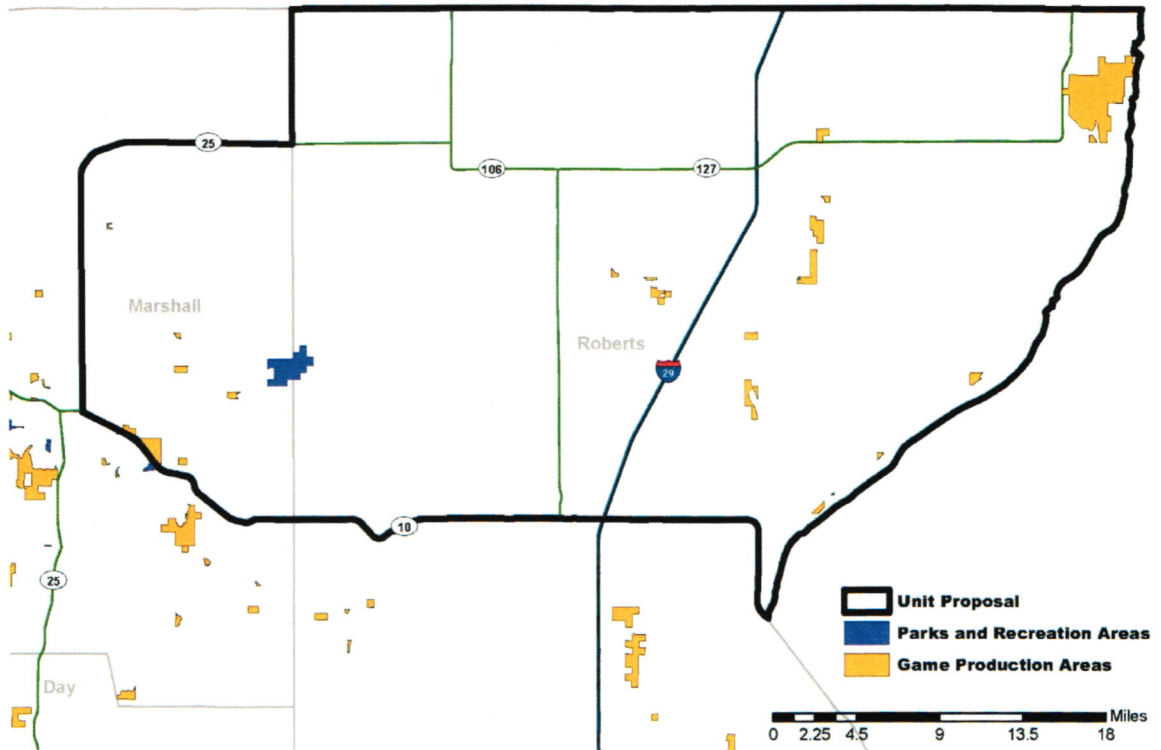
### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

	Prairie				Black Hills			
	Licenses	Toms	Hens		Licenses	Toms	Hens	
Year	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Success	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2010	5,995	3,019	2,419	48%	3,312	907	646	47%
2011	5,649	2,497	1,838	41%	3,098	537	513	34%
2012	5,527	2,001	1,335	35%	2,165	457	470	43%
2013	5,066	1,180	721	22%	1,627	185	188	23%
2014	1,910	422	224	33%	810	100	114	27%

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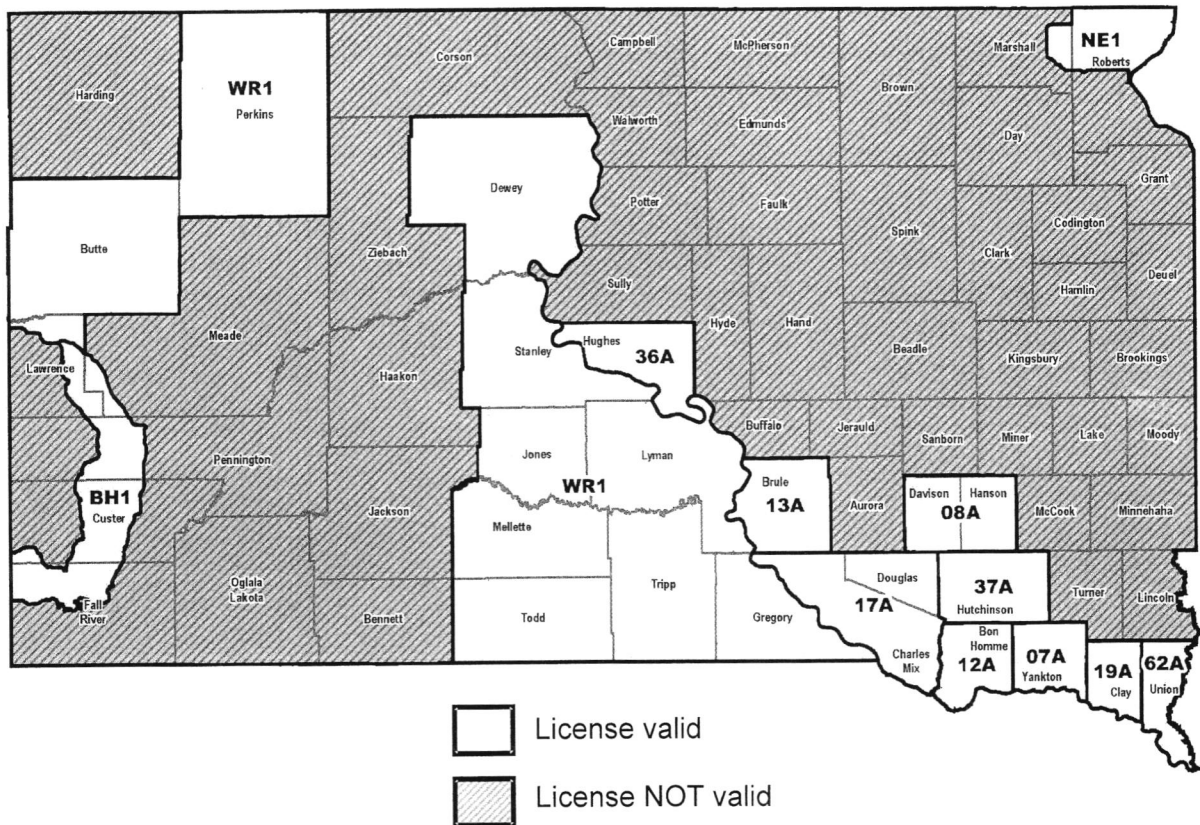
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# FALL TURKEY UNITS

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## 2015 Fall Turkey Licenses (All tags are for "any turkey")

Unit	1-Tag	2-Tag	Unit	1-Tag	2-Tag
07A	100		36A	30	
08A		50	37A	30	
12A	200		62A	50	
13A	75		NE1	100	
17A	200		BH1	750	
19A	50				

West River Prairie Unit (WR1)—Unlimited resident and nonresident 1-tag "any turkey" licenses

# 2015 Fall Turkey

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident		Nonresident		License Totals							
		AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
01A	Minnehaha	CLOSED											
06A	Brookings	CLOSED											
07A	Yankton	100				100		100	100				
08A	Davison/Hanson		50				50	50	100				
12A	Bon Homme	200				200		200	200				
13A	Brule	75				75		75	75				
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	200				200		200	200				
19A	Clay	50				50		50	50				
23A	Deuel	CLOSED											
36A	Hughes	30				30		30	30				
37A	Hutchinson	30				30		30	30				
44A	Lincoln	CLOSED											
52A	Moody	CLOSED											
62A	Union	50				50		50	50				
NE1	Northeast	100				100		100	100				
BH1	Black Hills	750		60		750		750	750	60		60	60
WR1	West River	Unlimited		Unlimited									
	TOTAL	1,585	50	60		1,585	50	1,635	1,685	60		60	60
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	AnyT 31	2 AnyT 37	RES 1-tag	RES 2-tag	RES Licenses	RES Tags	NR 1-tag	NR 2-tag	NR Lic	NR Tags
RES & NR:						1,645	50	1,695	1,745				



FALL TURKEY  
2014--2015 Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	2014 Resident Licenses	2015 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2014 Resident Tags	2015 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
06A	Brookings	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
07A	Yankton	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
08A	Davison/Hanson	50	50	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
12A	Bon Homme	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
13A	Brule	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
19A	Clay	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
23A	Deuel	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
36A	Hughes	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
37A	Hutchinson	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
52A	Moody	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
62A	Union	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
NE1	Northeast	0	100	100	NA	0	100	100	NA
BH1	Black Hills	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
WR1	West River	Unlimited	Unlimited	NA	NA	Unlimited	Unlimited	NA	NA
	TOTAL	1,535	1,635	100	7%	1,585	1,685	100	6%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents for the Black Hills.  
Unlimited resident and nonresident single tag "any turkey" licenses for the West River Prairie Unit.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL

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**Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season**

Chapter 41:06:49

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 1, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	July 1-2, 2015	Pierre

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Season Dates:** September 19-20, 2015

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Daily Limit:** Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

**Possession Limit:** Same as for regular duck and goose seasons

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Residents and nonresidents who have not reached the age of 16 by the first day of the season may hunt in the youth waterfowl hunting season.
2. Each youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.  
The youth hunter must be properly licensed to hunt waterfowl in the state, unless participating under a Mentored Hunt scenario as described in "Mentored Youth Hunting".
3. All other hunting restrictions will be the same as during the regular waterfowl seasons.

**Recommended change from last year:** None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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## Early Fall Canada Goose and Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

Chapters 41:06:50 and 41:06:16

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>June 4-5, 2015</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>July 1, 2015</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>July 1-2, 2015</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

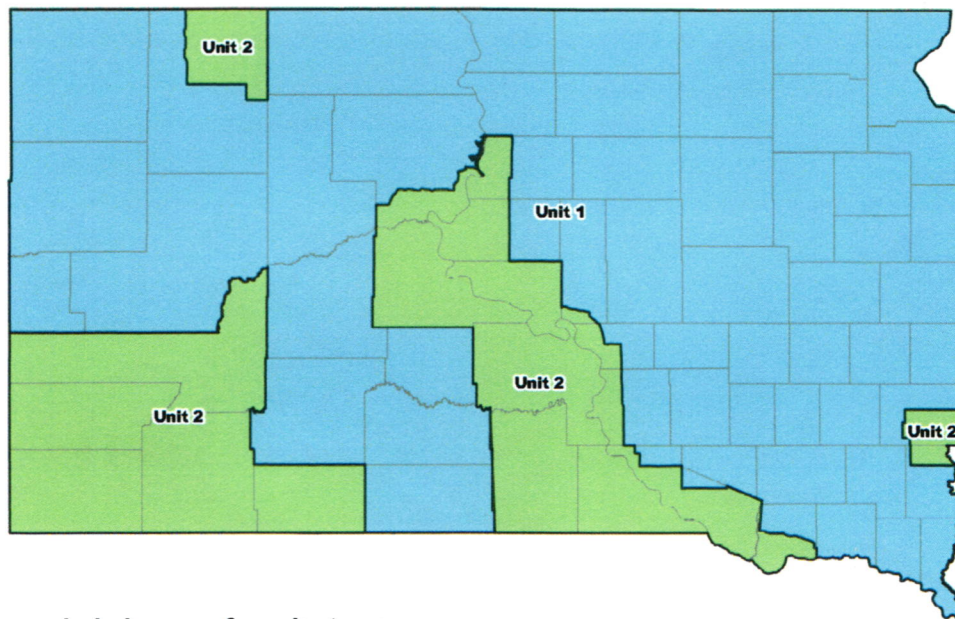
### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Season Dates:** September 1 - 30, 2015      **Open Area:** Unit 1 (see map below)

**Daily Limit:** 15 Canada Geese      **Possession Limit:** 45 Canada Geese

### Requirements and Restrictions:

- Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.



### Recommended changes from last year:

- Amend 41:06:16:07 to modify the boundaries of Units 1, 2, and 3 by adding Oglala Lakota County, Bennett County, and those portions of Lincoln, Minnehaha and Turner counties within a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Minnesota state line and Minnehaha County Highway 122 (254th Street) west to its junction with Minnehaha County Highway 149 (464<sup>th</sup> Avenue), south on Minnehaha County Highway 149 (464<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to Hartford, then south on Minnehaha County Highway 151 (463<sup>rd</sup> Street) to State Highway 42, east on State Highway 42 to State Highway 17, south on State Highway 17 to its junction with Lincoln County Highway 116 (Klondike Road), and east on Lincoln County Highway 116 (Klondike Road) to the South Dakota-Iowa state line, then north along the South Dakota-Iowa and South Dakota-Minnesota border to the point of beginning, to Unit 2.

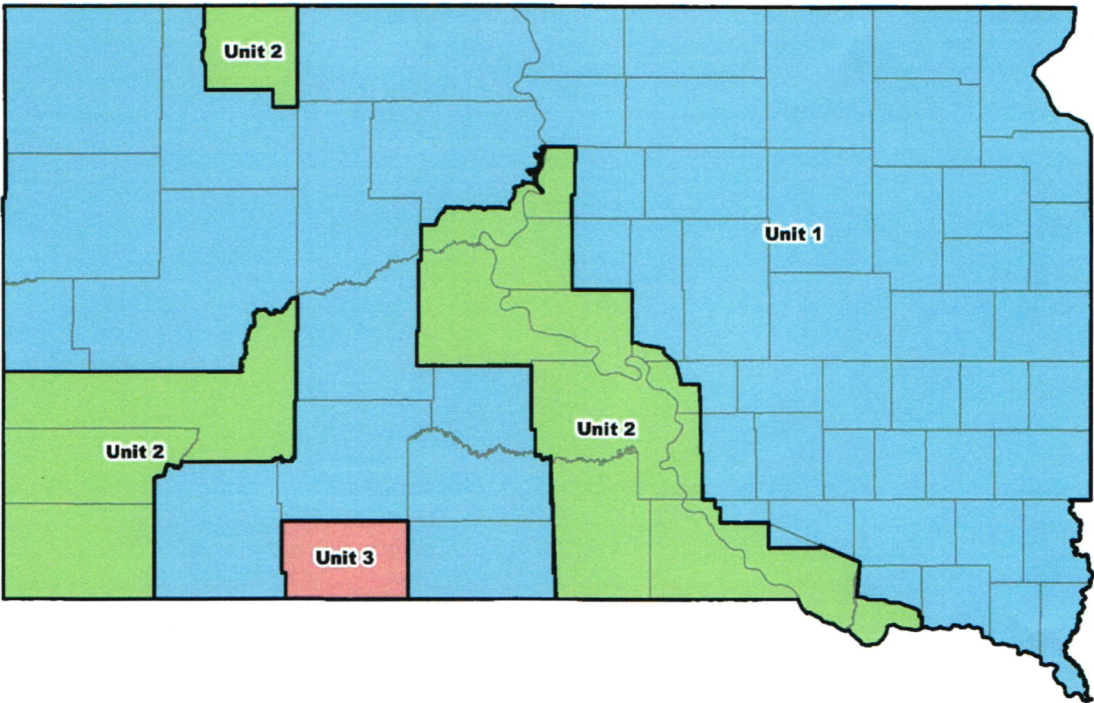
### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Total Hunters	Geese Harvested	Ave. Days Hunted	Ave. Season Bag
2009	5,805	352	6,157	39,275	Unknown	6.38
2010	5,444	323	5,767	44,183	Unknown	7.66
2011	5,098	318	5,416	50,361	3.41	9.30
2012	3,189	447	3,636	28,788	3.32	7.92
2013	4,372	338	4,710	31,976	Unknown	6.79

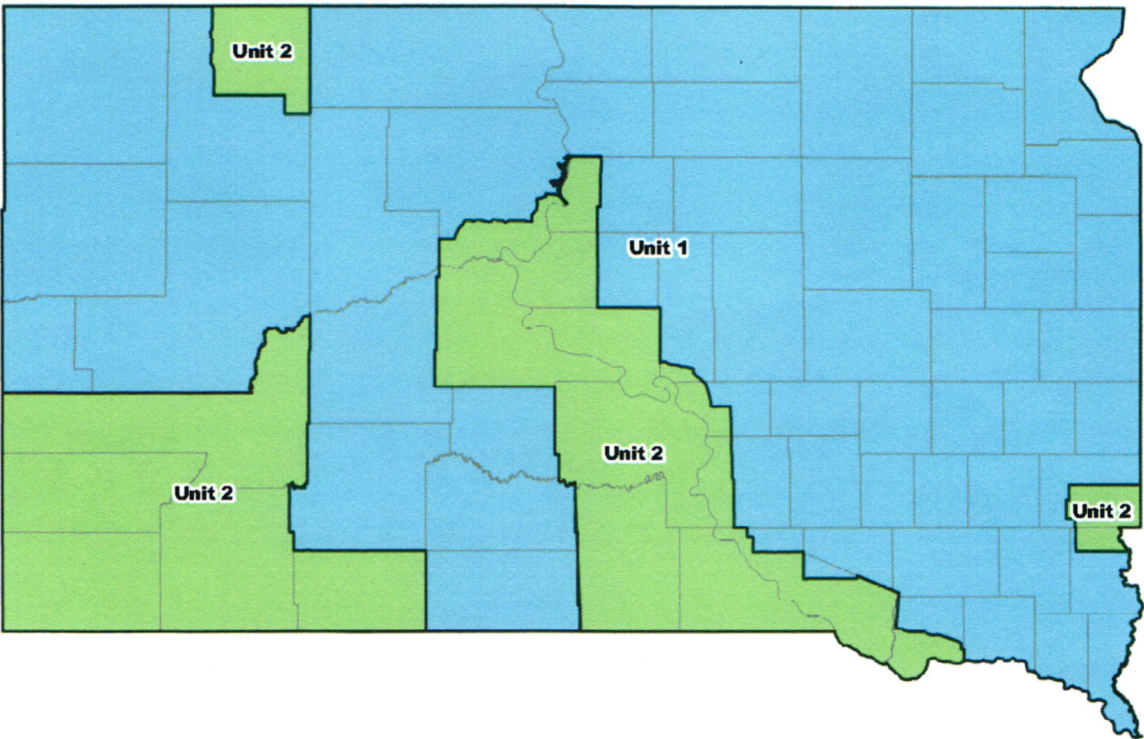
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**Current Unit Boundaries**

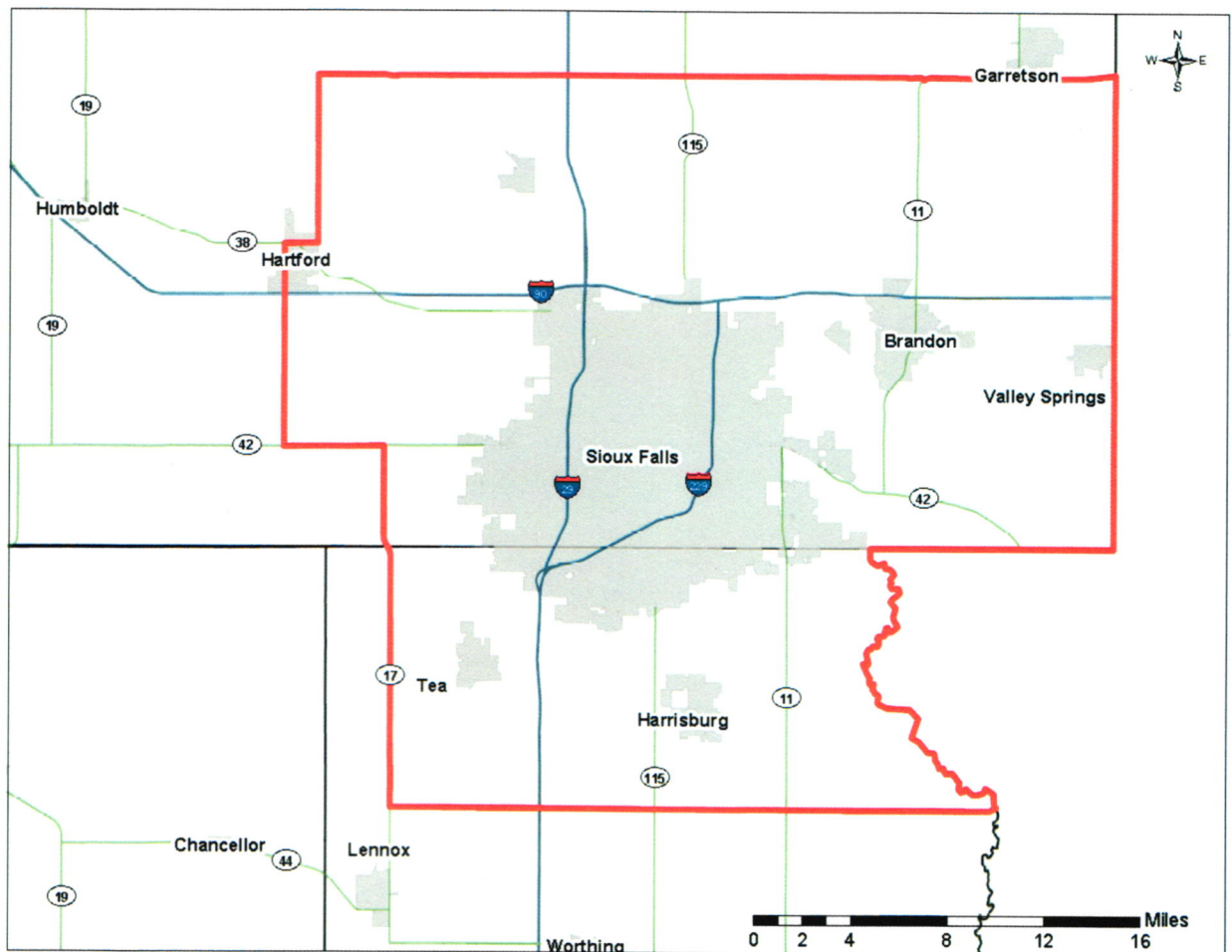


**Proposed Unit Boundaries**



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## Sioux Falls Area Addition to Unit 2



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**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL**

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**State Threatened and Endangered Species Listings**

Chapter 41:10:02:02

**Commission Meeting Dates:**

**Proposal  
Public Hearing  
Finalization**

**June 4-5, 2015  
August 6, 2015  
August 6-7, 2015**

**Pierre  
Aberdeen  
Aberdeen**

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended change:

Remove bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) from list of state threatened birds (41:10:02:02).

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

The bald eagle was listed as a federal endangered species in most of the lower U.S. states in 1978 due to the impact of DDT (an organochloride used as a pesticide) accumulation in fish. DDT and other pesticide contamination in fish eaten by bald eagles caused eggshell thinning, premature egg breakage, embryo deaths and poisoning of adult birds. This species was also listed as a state endangered species on South Dakota's first list of threatened and endangered species in 1978. Bald eagles recovered throughout the U.S. due to banning of DDT, reintroduction programs, habitat protection, and protection from illegal killing and poisoning.

Although no bald eagle reintroductions were conducted in South Dakota, this species has steadily increased from the first known successful nest in the state in 1993 to more than 100 nests today. A subset of nests is monitored each year by state, federal, tribal and private entities to estimate production and to detect any regional or statewide changes to the nesting population. SDGFP participates in an aerial midwinter bald eagle survey to estimate wintering birds on standardized routes along the Missouri River. SDGFP also periodically conducts aerial searches for nests on likely habitat, such as along rivers.

This species was downlisted from state endangered to state threatened in 2003. In 2005, as part of an interagency effort to plan for the needs of endangered or threatened species that depend on the Missouri River, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks completed the "South Dakota Bald Eagle Management Plan." The management goal for nesting bald eagles in South Dakota is an average of 25 active bald eagle nests per year, with a five-year running average. Figure 1 illustrates the estimated number of active bald eagle nests from 1992 – 2014. This depicts a conservative estimate because not all nest locations are known to the agency, and some nests in remote locations cannot be monitored. The higher number depicted for 2012 reflects results of statewide aerial surveys, which are more effective in detecting nests than ground observations. Figure 2 depicts known bald eagle nests as of 2014 based on compiled information. Based on nest monitoring and aerial surveys in 2015, the current estimated number of active nests is 140-150.

Because this species has met and exceeded its state management goal, the Department recommends that protection under the state endangered species law is no longer justified. This species will continue to be protected by the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Bald eagle recovery represents an endangered species success story at the state and national levels.

**APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_**

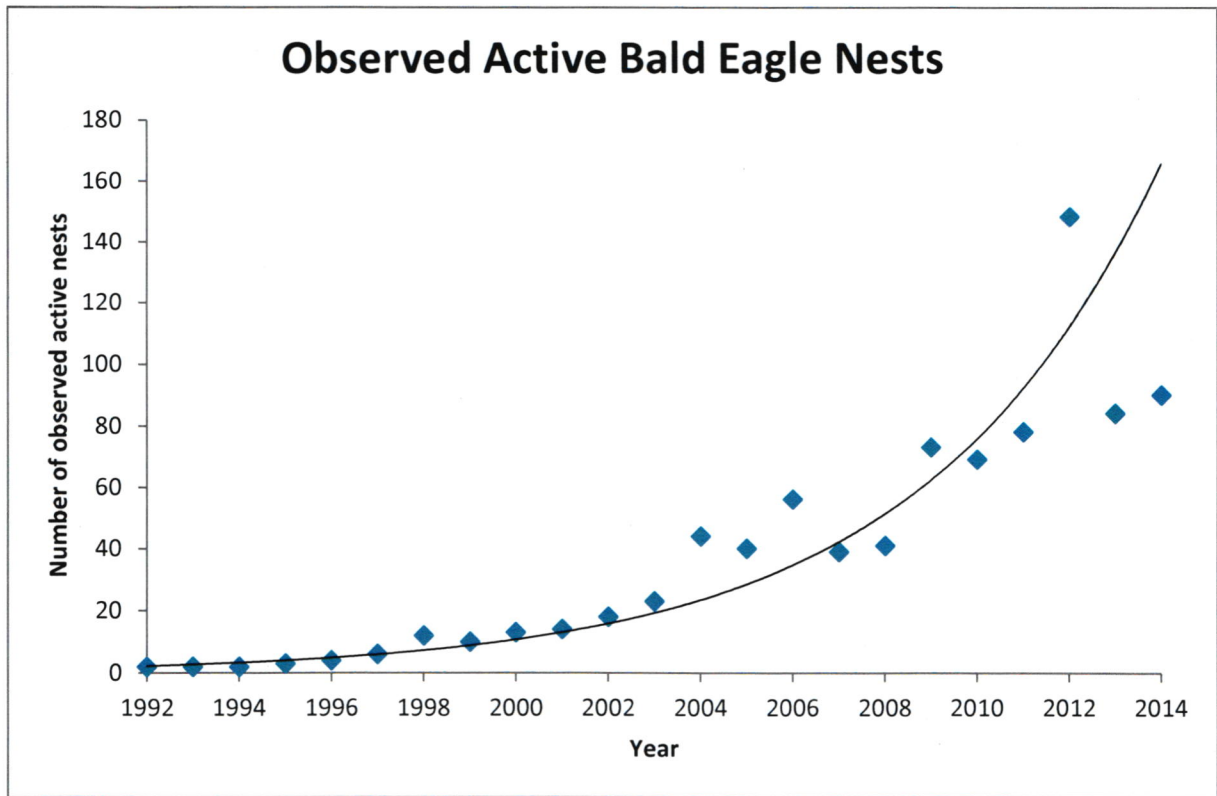


Figure 1. Number of active bald eagle nests detected in South Dakota from 1992 – 2014. NOTE: The higher number depicted for 2012 reflects results of statewide aerial surveys, which are more effective in detecting nests than ground observations.

## 2014 Bald Eagle Nests

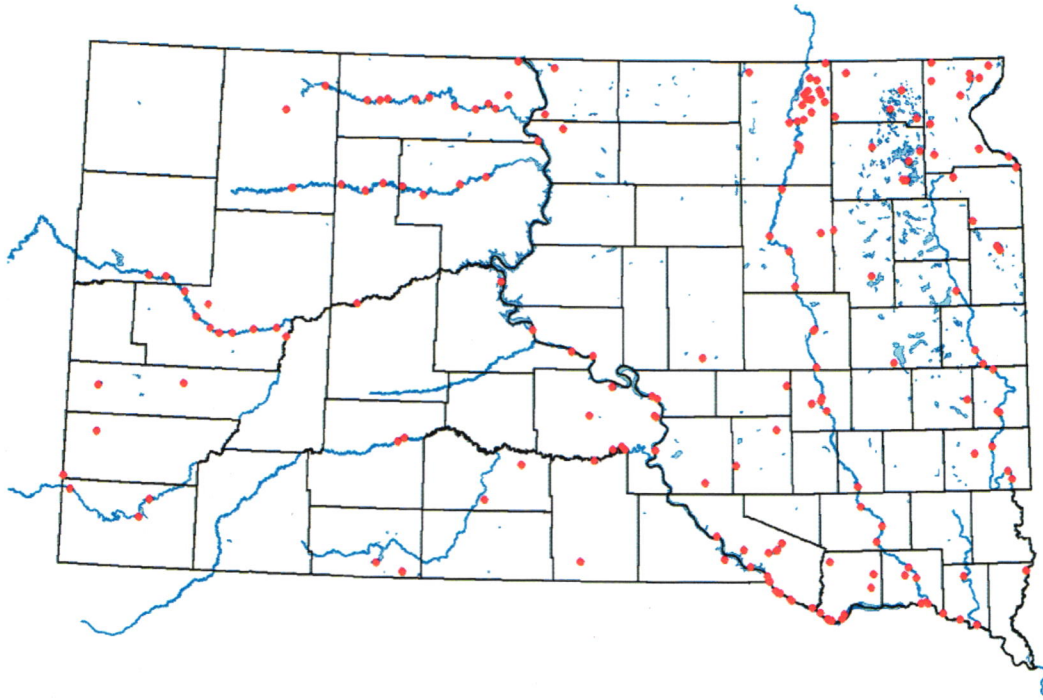


Figure 2. Known bald eagle nests as of December 2014.

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

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## Custer State Park Restrictions Chapter 41:06:07

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre
	Public Hearing	July 1, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	July 1-2, 2015	Pierre

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommended changes from last year:

Current Rule:

**41:06:07:10. Hunting restrictions near roads and buildings.** Except for an area within 300 feet of any Custer State Park paved public access roadway, the area within the boundaries of Custer State Park is open to elk and deer hunting during any of these seasons. No person may hunt antelope within 440 yards of any public access road in Custer State Park. Additionally, no person may hunt any species within 300 feet of any occupied building in Custer State Park.

1. Amend 41:06:07:10 as follows:

**41:06:07:10. Hunting restrictions near roads and buildings.** With the following exception, the area within the boundaries of Custer State Park is open to hunting during any open season. No person may hunt any big game species within 200 yards of any public access road or building in Custer State Park.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Custer State Park hosts over 1.8 million visitors and is known as one of the premiere sites for viewing wildlife in North America. The park also hosts a number of big game hunts both for management and recreational opportunity. Incidents in the past have led to the restriction of hunting near some roads. Road closures serve to prevent conflicts between the viewing and sporting publics. Additionally, protection of big game near roadways enhances the quantity and quality of game visible from the roads by reducing the removal of high quality animals and allowing the animals to become more habituated to non-threatening disturbance. Further, in addition to reducing hunter and viewing opportunity conflicts, this action promotes better distribution of hunters. This proposal seeks to standardize the restrictions for hunting adjacent to the roadways in CSP to 200 yards and to afford protection to all hunted species in the park.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
LEWIS AND CLARK RESORT

This Settlement Agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2015, by and between the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks (hereinafter "Department"), of 523 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501, and Dakota Hospitality Management, Inc, DBA Lewis and Clark Resort (hereinafter "Concessionaire") of P.O. Box 754, Yankton, SD 57078.

WHEREAS, Concessionaire is the concessionaire under an existing concession lease agreement, as amended, with Department, for the operation of lodging concessions at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area, which said concession lease will expire on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Concessionaire has issued to the Department a letter of intent to sell its interest in Lewis and Clark Resort and relinquish its rights in the concession lease agreement upon selection of a successor concessionaire; and

WHEREAS, Concessionaire has provided its asset and personal property list as well as its established sale price; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ARSD 41:13, the Parks and Recreation Division of Game, Fish and Parks is presently in the process of developing a Prospectus for the issuance of a new concession lease at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area (hereinafter "New Concession Lease"); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into an agreement in advance to resolve issues that may arise in connection with the Prospectus, solicitation of bids and awarding of the New Concession Lease and to anticipate the possibility of transfer of the lodging operations and certain assets at Lewis and Clark Recreation Area (which lodging operations and assets are sometimes hereinafter "Lewis and Clark Resort" or "Resort") to a new concessionaire;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter made by and between the parties hereto, the parties agree as follows:

1. The entirety of this agreement including all terms and conditions of this agreement is subject to approval by the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission (hereinafter "Commission"). Should the Commission not approve this agreement, this agreement is null and void without the necessity for either party to take further action.
2. Subject to approval by the Commission, the Commission will issue a Prospectus in connection with soliciting bids for the new Lewis and Clark Resort concession lease which will provide for the following:



- a. That a new concessionaire shall be required to purchase Concessionaire's interest in concessionaire facilities and certain personal property used in providing concession services at a total price of \$3,707,262 as more fully explained and itemized on the asset list provided by the Concessionaire attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference as well as intangibles used in providing the lodging concession services as itemized on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, save and except, in any event, PO Box 754, Yankton, South Dakota 57078.
  - b. Closing is anticipated to take place no later than October 31, 2015. The closing site shall be a neutral site such as a title insurance company or bank. Any escrow closing costs shall be the expense of the new concessionaire. Concessionaire shall cooperate with all reasonable closing requirements which are necessary to close the transaction in a business-like manner. Concessionaire will upon full payment for all such property on the appraisal, provide a Bill of Sale, "AS IS" and without warranty or representation whatsoever, to the new concessionaire at closing.
  - c. All payments to Concessionaire by the new concessionaire or the Department required under this Agreement and under the Prospectus shall be made in full at the time of closing.
3. The parties agree that in the course of operation of the current concession agreement prior to selection of a successor, it may be necessary for the Concessionaire to purchase items of personal property for the continued operation of Lewis and Clark Resort. It is expected that from time to time personal property items, including but not necessarily limited to such items as furniture, refrigerators, small kitchen appliances, etc., will become inoperable and not repairable, and will need to be replaced. The agreed to inventory of property and the associated values will be adjusted as the purchases / replacements occur, and changes to the inventory will be communicated within a reasonable time of purchase with proof of purchase to the Department. The value of the inoperable item(s) will be deducted from the inventory and the value at cost of the replacement item(s) will be added. It is expected and agreed that items purchased will be similar in style, function and cost as the item(s) being replaced. Concessionaire agrees that while these purchases may be reasonably necessary and required, it is not interested in larger purchases during this final period of operation and will not be required to purchase any such larger items for replacement in Concessionaire's discretion. It is agreed that before Concessionaire purchases any item(s) with an aggregate purchase price of \$2,000.00 or more, it must receive the prior written approval of the Department which may not be unreasonably withheld; and provided further, that the requirement for

prior written approval shall be waived in emergency situations where the Department is not available. In an emergency situation, Concessionaire shall be allowed to immediately order replacement items priced in excess of \$2,000.00, provided that the Concessionaire shall notify the Department as soon as reasonably possible following such purchases.

4. The parties agree that at the time of transition of management and operations from Concessionaire to a new, as yet to be identified or selected concessionaire, it shall be necessary and required for purposes of purchase by a new concessionaire to conduct an inventory of perishable items maintained in stock and in the possession of Concessionaire at the termination of the concession agreement. These items will include but not necessarily be limited to marketable merchandise sold at the Resort, cleaning supplies, maintenance and repair parts and supplies, etc. Values and compensation for inventoried items shall be as agreed upon by Concessionaire and the new Concessionaire. In the event that Concessionaire and the new concessionaire cannot reach an agreement, the values of compensation for inventoried items shall be based on actual invoice costs to Concessionaire. In the event Concessionaire is unable to produce invoices for the same, the items may be valued by an appraiser at the equally shared expense of the Concessionaire and new concessionaire. The new concessionaire shall be required to pay Concessionaire for such inventoried items at closing.
5. The parties acknowledge that additional personal property may be identified subsequent to the execution of this Agreement which was not included in the personal property or asset list provided in Exhibit A. The parties agree that Concessionaire in its sole discretion may either maintain possession of this property or arrange on its own to sell it to a new concessionaire or other third parties.
6. Concessionaire agrees to cooperate with the Department in scheduling and providing staff to assist with an initial site visit by prospectus bidders. Concessionaire agrees to waive any claim for compensation for the time of its principals or staff in participating in the initial site visit of the premises. Additional site visits shall be permitted, provided, however, that such site visits shall be supervised by the Department, and need not involve Concessionaire, its principals or staff, and arrangements for such additional site visits shall be made by mutual agreement with Concessionaire at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance to keep to a minimum any disruption to Concessionaire or Resort guests. Concessionaire agrees that it will not independently respond to inquiries received from potential prospectus bidders. In the event it receives such inquiries, Concessionaire agrees to advise any potential prospectus bidders that any inquiries must be made in writing directed to the Department. If the Department is unable to provide a satisfactory response to such inquiries, it will forward such inquiries to Jeff

Wahl, who shall within seven (7) days of his receipt thereof provide the Department with Concessionaire's reasonable written response to such inquiries. Upon its receipt of Concessionaire's responses, the Department will forward responses to inquiries to all Prospectus bidders. In addition, Concessionaire agrees to waive any claim for compensation for the time of its principals or staff spent in participating in a tour of the premises and reasonable review of the property with a prospective or new concessionaire.

7. Concessionaire, its officers, and authorized representatives, agrees to take no actions or make representations of any kind which are designed or intended to discourage or influence interested parties from bidding for the new Lewis and Clark Resort Concession Lease or to influence the amount of the bid by a prospective concessionaire. Concessionaire will not misrepresent any matters concerning the Resort facilities or concessions to a prospective concessionaire.
8. Following selection of the new concessionaire and by no later than October 31, 2015, Concessionaire shall provide the new concessionaire with a lodging reservation and advanced deposit summary current to the day prior to the selection of the new concessionaire and thereafter update it on a monthly basis until closing. The lodging reservation summary shall include a summary of the renter and the amounts of advanced deposits received. At closing, Concessionaire shall provide the new concessionaire with a complete accounting of advanced deposit receipts for lodging reservations. All lodging fees collected by Concessionaire in advance for any effective period after final closing shall be paid over to the new concessionaire at the time of closing with the new concessionaire.
9. Concessionaire waives any right of confidentiality of financial information required under the current Concession Agreement which is pertinent and necessary for inclusion in the prospectus or to be made available to prospective bidders with regard to developing their proposals for the operation of the Resort. The information published in the prospectus shall be limited to historical revenues and operating expenses. Any information provided directly to potential bidders shall be limited to that which is requested from bidders and not proprietary to the Concessionaire and such provision shall be conditioned under confidentiality clauses.
10. Should a new concessionaire not be selected by the commission on or before October 31, 2015, the Concessionaire shall continue to operate the Resort in accordance with the terms and conditions of the existing concession agreement.
11. This Agreement reflects the complete and final expression of the parties' agreement, superseding all prior negotiations or agreements, whether written



or oral. This agreement may not be modified or amended except as authorized by the Commission.

12. Any reference in this agreement to a party shall be construed to include that party and its officers and directors, shareholders, members, successors, assigns, heirs, devisees, administrators, parents and subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of each party to this agreement, and to each party's officers, directors, shareholders, members, successors, assignees, devisees, administrators, parents and subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents.
13. This Agreement may be executed in identical counterparts. Each counterpart shall be deemed an original of this Agreement.
14. The parties agree to execute, file and deliver such additional documents and instruments, and to perform such additional acts as are necessary, appropriate, or reasonably requested to effectuate, consummate, or perform and of the terms, provisions or conditions of this agreement.
15. The parties each warrant and represent that they have read this Agreement and have been fully informed and have full knowledge of the terms, conditions, and effects of this Agreement, and they have either personally or through their attorneys, fully investigated to their full satisfaction the facts surrounding the various issues and matters sought to be addressed and resolved herein, and understand and are satisfied with the terms and effects of this Agreement, which are contractually binding. The parties agree that no promise or inducement had been offered or made except as herein set forth, and that this Agreement is executed of their own free act and deed without reliance on any statement or representation except as herein set forth.
16. Any interpretation or construction of the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Dakota.
17. Concessionaire hereby designates Jeff Wahl as its authorized representative for all purposes under this Agreement including but not limited to the authority to execute same on behalf of Concessionaire. The Department hereby authorizes Douglas Hofer as its authorized representative for all purposes under this Agreement including but not limited to the authority to execute same on behalf of the Department. The parties warrant that they have taken or will take within a reasonable period of time, all action necessary in order to authorize and/or ratify the making and execution of this Agreement and will verify the same with authenticated copies of corporate and commission resolutions appropriate for the same.
18. Both parties agree that a copy of his executed Agreement will be made a part of the Prospectus.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

DAKOTA HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT,  
INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Wahl, President  
Dakota Hospitality Management, Inc.

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND  
PARKS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Hofer, Director, Division of Parks  
and Recreation



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EXHIBIT A  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
LEWIS AND CLARK RESORT  
"ASSET LIST"

Item	# Units	Price	Total	
Mountain Bikes	8	300	2400	
Bike Rack	1	400	400	
Coin op Washer Dryer	2	100	200	
Pool Chairs	40	30	1200	
Billboards	2	3500	7000	
Kabota mower blower	1	15862	15862	model
Road King flat bed 1997 20ft	1	2000	2000	2880
Shadowmaster Trailer 2004				
20Ft	1	3200	3200	
2003 Dodge Ram	1	10000	10000	
lobby Furniture	1	2100	2100	no pictures
bunn coffee maker	1	1200	1200	no pictures
Apartment Furniture	1	1500	1500	
granite tables	3	400	1200	
kitchen chairs	10	80	800	
lodge chairs	10	100	1000	
bed Frames	6		0	
bunk Beds	2	200	400	
adirondack chairs	128	100	12800	
Steel Picnic Tables	50	300	15000	
Maids cart	1	3000	3000	
6 pass cart	1	9000	9000	
cushman	1	4000	4000	
new maids cart	1	5000	5000	
new Washer	1	8000	8000	
Total Personal			\$ 107,262.00	
<u>Resort Sale Price(see inventory)</u>			<u>\$ 3,600,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 3,707,262.00</b>	

**Building inventory**

## Resort Sale Price Includes:

Lodge	1	Building w/furnishings=	\$600,000
Queen beds & bedding	8		
bunk beds & bedding	4		
room TV's	6		
great room TV's	2		
room dressers	6		
night tables	6		
Queen sofa sleepers	2		
fireplace	1		
room pictures	6		
elk mount	1		
moose mount	1		
refrigerators	2		
cooler	1		
bunn coffee maker	1		
stuffed chairs	4		
bestro table & chairs	1		
corner tables & Chairs	2		
coffee table	1		
lamp tables	4		
checker table	1		
antler chandelier	1		
3 bedroom Cabins	14	Building w/furnishings=	\$114,000 each
Queen beds & bedding	3		
bunk beds & bedding	1		
night stands	3		
room dressers	3		
TV	1		
Queen sofa sleeper	1		
stuffed chairs	2		
refrigerator	1		
kitchen table & chairs	1		
lamps			
pictures	56		
2 bedroom cabins	3	Building w/furnishings=	\$87,000 each
Queen beds & bedding	2		
bunk beds & bedding	1		
night stands	2		
room dressers	2		
TV	1		

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Queen sofa sleeper	1		
stuffed chairs	1		
refrigerator	1		
kitchen table & chairs	1		
lamps			
pictures	9		
hotel rooms	3	Building w/furnishings=	\$325,000 each
Queen beds & bedding	33		
bunk beds & bedding	15		
night stands	24		
room dressers	24		
TV	24		
Mini refrigerators	24		
kitchen table & chairs	24		
lamps	24		
Pictures	24		
Swimming pool	1		
Playground Equipment	1		
2 Picnic Shelters	1	building	
garage	1	building	
Storage shed	1	building	
office/mgr. Apt.	1	Building =	\$168,000
Dos Res Computor	1		
office/mgr. Apt Pictures	NONE		

EXHIBIT B  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
LEWIS AND CLARK RESORT  
"INTANGIBLE LISTING"

The following is a list of intangible items relative to the operation of Lewis and Clark Resort which shall be transferred and provided to the successor concessionaire in accordance with Section 2 of the Settlement Agreement:

- All trademark, copyrights and other rights and title to the name "Lewis and Clark Resort".
- All phone numbers currently listed for the Resort will remain with the Resort after lease transfer
- All Resort advanced lodging reservation deposits collected in advance for future seasons
- All resort customer contact information on file at the Resort
- Administration rights to the Lewis and Clark Resort Facebook account

## January to May 2015 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2014		2015		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	15,371	\$ 461,129	14,357	\$ 430,701	-7%
Second Vehicle	3,641	\$ 54,621	3,440	\$ 51,603	-6%
Combo	11,794	\$ 530,727	11,764	\$ 529,366	0%
Transferable	883	\$ 57,395	874	\$ 56,782	-1%
Daily / Person	3,431	\$ 13,722	3,390	\$ 13,558	-1%
Daily / Vehicle	8,135	\$ 48,811	7,724	\$ 46,346	-5%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	199	\$ 1,990	268	\$ 2,682	35%
Motorcoach Permit	14,131	\$ 43,469	497	\$ 1,491	-97%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	779	\$ 11,685	809	\$ 12,135	4%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	945	\$ 2,835	835	\$ 2,505	-12%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	12,601	\$ 189,017	13,220	\$ 198,302	5%
Bike Band	584	\$ 5,840	346	\$ 3,460	-41%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 1,950	N/A	\$ 1,815	-7%
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>72,494</b>	<b>\$ 1,423,191</b>	<b>57,523</b>	<b>\$ 1,350,746</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 4,410,329	-	\$ 4,653,411	6%
Gift Card	-	\$ 2,385	-	\$ 3,320	39%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 10,038	-	\$ 8,410	-16%
Firewood	6144	\$ 24,574	7666	\$ 30,663	25%
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>6144</b>	<b>\$ 4,447,326</b>	<b>7666</b>	<b>\$ 4,695,805</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,638</b>	<b>\$ 5,870,517</b>	<b>65,189</b>	<b>\$ 6,046,550</b>	<b>3%</b>

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**January to May 2015 Revenue Comparison by District**

Dist	Park	2014	2015	% Change	Dist	Park	2014	2015	% Change
1	<b>Fort Sisseton</b>	\$125,642	\$129,836	3%	10	<b>North Point</b>	\$336,094	\$337,829	1%
	Roy Lake					North Wheeler			
	Sica Hollow					Pease Creek			
2	<b>Richmond Lake</b>	\$126,834	\$121,944	-4%		Randall Creek			
	Mina Lake					South Shore			
	Lake Louise					Whetstone Bay			
	Fisher Grove				11	<b>Farm Island</b>	\$258,544	\$261,758	1%
	Amsden					West Bend			
3	<b>Sandy Shore</b>	\$315,908	\$304,760	-4%	12	<b>Oahe Downstream</b>	\$237,076	\$244,583	3%
	Hartford Beach					West Shore			
	Lake Cochrane					Cow Creek			
	Pelican South					Okobojo Point			
	Pickerel Lake					Spring Creek			
4	<b>Oakwood Lakes</b>	\$397,601	\$400,535	1%		East Shore			
	Lake Poinsett				13	<b>West Whitlock</b>	\$177,805	\$177,249	0%
	Lake Thompson					Lake Hiddenwood			
5	<b>Lake Herman</b>	\$156,362	\$157,606	1%		East Whitlock			
	Walkers Point					Swan Creek			
6	<b>Snake Creek</b>	\$239,023	\$237,315	-1%		Bush's Landing			
	Platte Creek					Indian Creek			
	Burke Lake					Revheim Bay			
	Buryanek					Little Bend			
7	<b>Palisades</b>	\$333,214	\$339,288	2%		Bob's Landing			
	Lake Vermillion					Walth Bay			
	Big Sioux					West Pollock			
8	<b>Newton Hills</b>	\$223,882	\$229,005	2%	14	<b>GSM Trail</b>	\$31,408	\$33,927	8%
	Lake Alvin					Bear Butte			
	Union Grove				15	<b>Shadehill</b>	\$180,646	\$209,003	16%
	Adams					Llewellyn Johns			
9	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark</b>	\$938,743	\$961,298	2%		Rocky Point			
	Tabor				16	<b>Custer</b>	\$1,378,679	\$1,466,006	6%
	Sand Creek				17	<b>Angostura</b>	\$285,061	\$295,325	4%
	Springfield					Sheps Canyon			
	Chief White Crane				20	<b>Pierre Office</b>	\$128,000	\$139,284	9%
	Pierson Ranch								
						<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$5,870,517	\$6,046,550	3%



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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**January to May 2015 Camping Unit Comparison by District**

Dist	Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%	Dist	Park	2014 Units	2015 Units	%
1	Fort Sisseton	119	89	-25%	9	Lewis & Clark	4,905	5,630	15%
	Roy Lake	787	819	4%		Tabor	7	13	86%
	Sica Hollow	14	9	-36%		Sand Creek	16	23	44%
		<u>920</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>0%</u>		Springfield	182	159	-13%
2	Richmond Lake	232	252	9%		Chief White Crane	1,522	1,688	11%
	Mina Lake	343	427	24%		Pierson Ranch	<u>572</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>15%</u>
	Lake Louise	235	374	59%			<u>7,204</u>	<u>8,169</u>	<u>13%</u>
	Fisher Grove	141	162	15%	10	North Point	1,188	1,434	21%
	Amsden	48	34	-29%		North Wheeler	143	90	-37%
		<u>999</u>	<u>1,249</u>	<u>25%</u>		Pease Creek	239	251	5%
3	Sandy Shore	113	89	-21%		Randall Creek	964	1,054	9%
	Hartford Beach	680	804	18%		South Shore	47	50	6%
	Lake Cochrane	221	209	-5%		Whetstone Bay	128	109	-15%
	Pelican South	700	834	19%		White Swan	76	58	-24%
	Pickerel Lake	800	849	6%		South Scalp	-	21	
		<u>2,514</u>	<u>2,785</u>	<u>11%</u>			<u>2,785</u>	<u>3,046</u>	<u>9%</u>
4	Oakwood Lakes	1,281	1,520	19%	11	Farm Island	1,063	1,130	6%
	Lake Poinsett	892	1,031	16%		West Bend	<u>1,407</u>	<u>1,607</u>	<u>14%</u>
	Lake Thompson	969	1,094	13%			<u>2,470</u>	<u>2,737</u>	<u>11%</u>
		<u>3,142</u>	<u>3,645</u>	<u>16%</u>	12	Oahe Downstream	1,900	2,220	17%
5	Lake Herman	882	964	9%		Cow Creek	329	354	8%
	Walkers Point	432	447	3%		Okobojo Point	<u>188</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>-55%</u>
	Lake Carthage	-	-				<u>2,417</u>	<u>2,658</u>	<u>10%</u>
		<u>1,314</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>7%</u>	13	West Whitlock	544	596	10%
6	Snake Creek	1,839	1,922	5%		Lake Hiddenwood	57	32	-44%
	Platte Creek	297	413	39%		East Whitlock	27	6	-78%
	Burke Lake	13	13	0%		Swan Creek	71	115	62%
	Buryanek	636	709	11%		Indian Creek	870	878	1%
		<u>2,785</u>	<u>3,057</u>	<u>10%</u>		Walth Bay	1	6	500%
7	Palisades	661	907	37%		West Pollock	<u>178</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>-35%</u>
	Lake Vermillion	1,447	1,633	13%			<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,748</u>	<u>0%</u>
	Big Sioux	914	1,068	17%	14	Bear Butte	69	76	10%
		<u>3,022</u>	<u>3,608</u>	<u>19%</u>			<u>69</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>10%</u>
8	Newton Hills	1,843	2,008	9%	15	Shadehill	655	736	12%
	Union Grove	260	287	10%		Llewellyn Johns	61	55	
		<u>2,103</u>	<u>2,295</u>	<u>9%</u>		Rocky Point	<u>727</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>13%</u>
							<u>1,443</u>	<u>1,613</u>	<u>12%</u>
					16	Custer	<u>4,870</u>	<u>5,105</u>	<u>5%</u>
							<u>4,870</u>	<u>5,105</u>	<u>5%</u>
					17	Angostura	2,115	2,556	21%
						Sheps Canyon	129	188	46%
							<u>2,244</u>	<u>2,744</u>	<u>22%</u>
<b>TOTAL FEE AREA CAMPER UNITS</b>							<u>42,049</u>	<u>46,863</u>	<u>11%</u>



**South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division  
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report  
June 2015**

**Action Items**

**None**

**Information Items**

**Kirschenman Addition to Ulmer GPA**

**Location:** Seven miles northeast of Lesterville in Yankton County

**Description:** 175 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

**Cost:** \$665,000

**Expected Closing:** December 2015

**Randall Estate Property**

**Location:** Four miles southwest of Waubay in Day County

**Description:** 160 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting

**Cost:** \$215,000

**Expected Closing:** August 2015

**Clear Lake Lots Disposal**

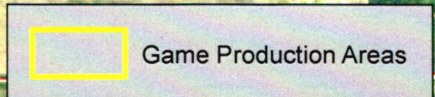
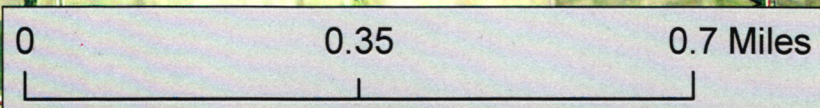
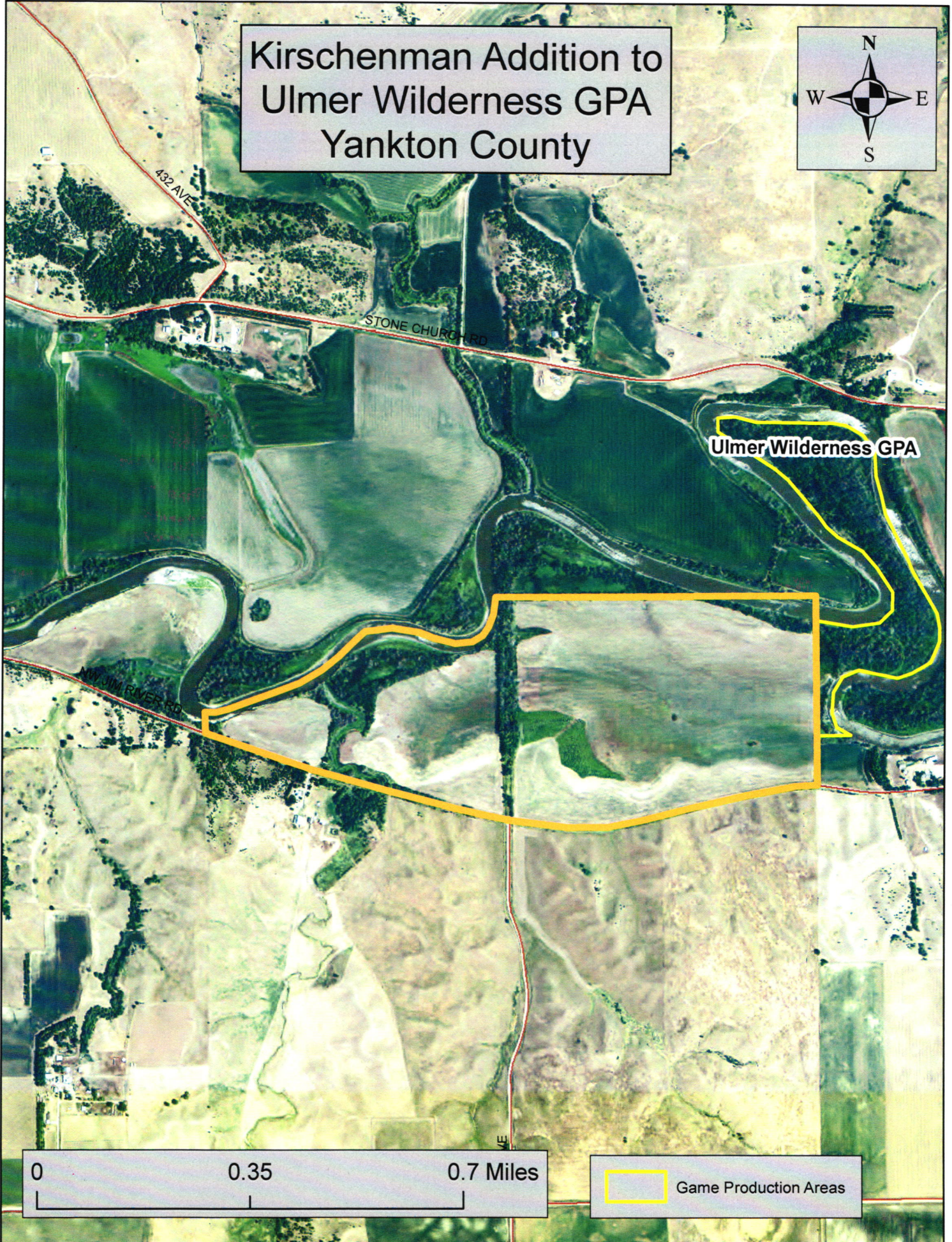
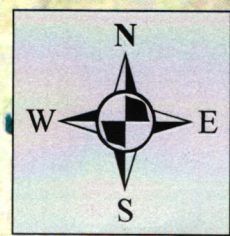
**Location:** Marshall County

**Description:** Two tracts totaling 0.5 acre. Lots will be disposed of to address encroachment issues identified as a loss of control finding in the 2012 WSFR Program Audit.

**Expected Closing:** September 2015

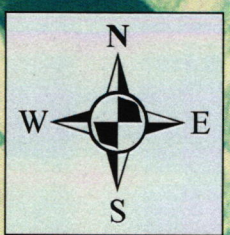


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Randall Estate Property  
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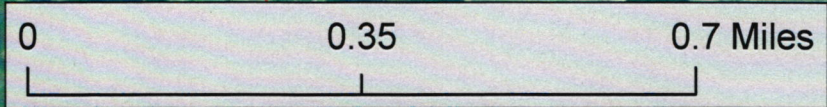


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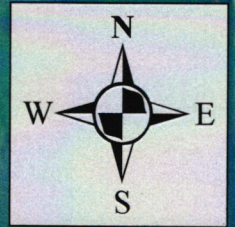
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# Clear Lake GPA Encroachment Lots





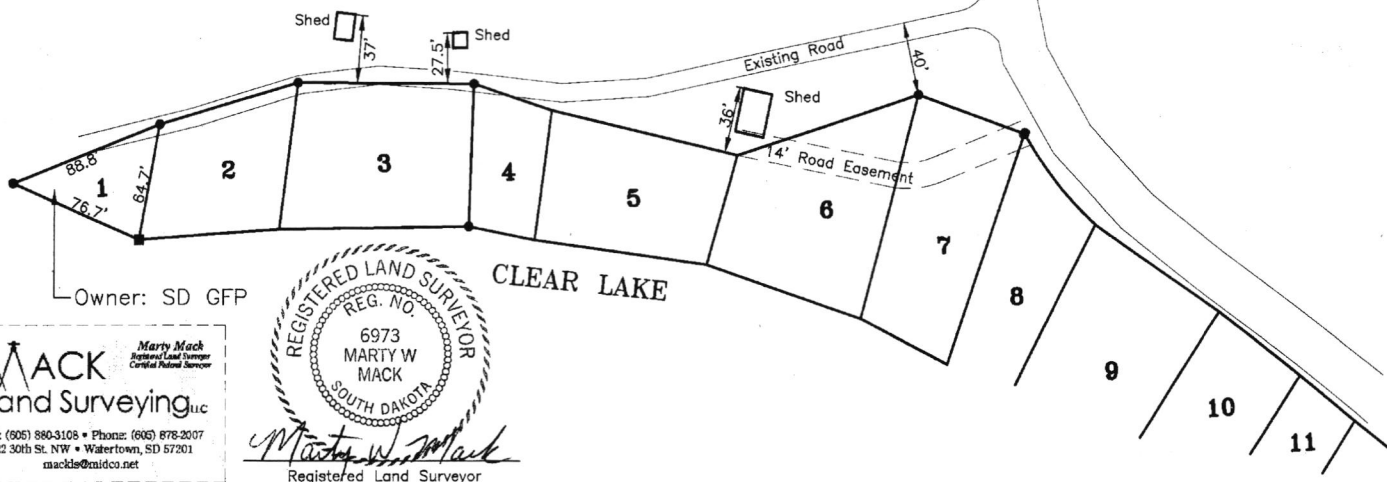
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- Monument Set



Gov't. Lot 2  
Owner: SD GFP



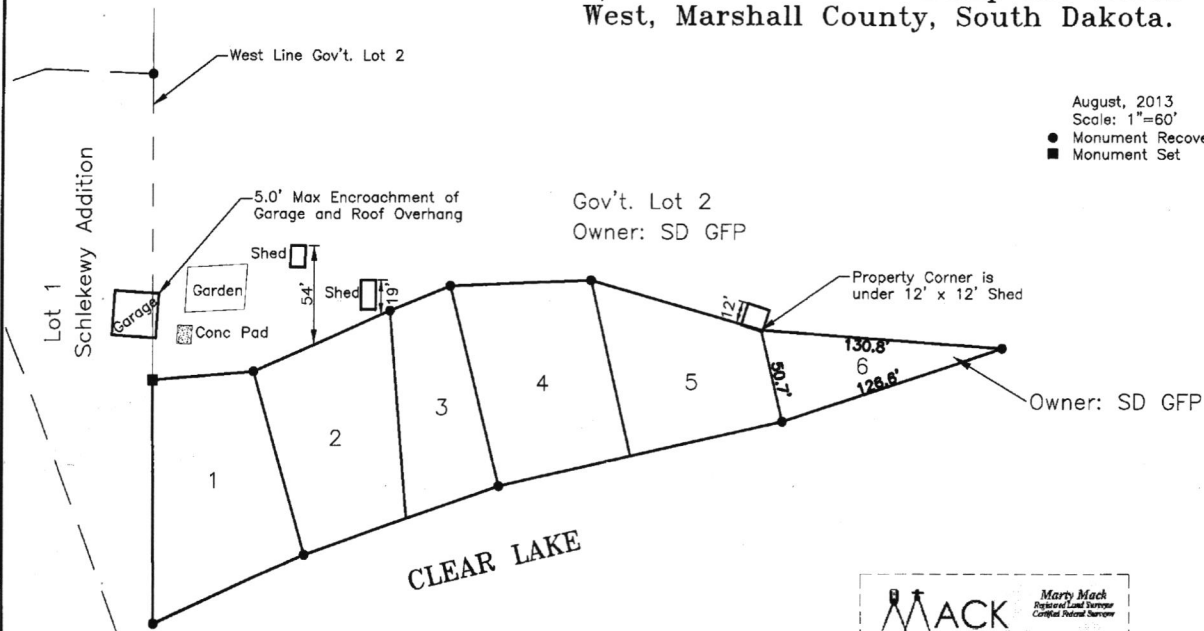
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**THREATENED, ENDANGERED, and CANDIDATE SPECIES OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
(as of May 2015)

NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FEDERAL STATUS	STATE STATUS
<b>Invertebrates:</b>			
American burying beetle	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>	LE	
Scaleshell	<i>Leptodea leptodon</i>	LE	
Higgins Eye	<i>Lampsilis higginsii</i>	LE	
Dakota skipper	<i>Hesperia dacotae</i>	LT	
Poweshiek skipperling	<i>Oarisma poweshiek</i>	LE	
<b>Fishes:</b>			
Banded killifish	<i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>		SE
Blacknose shiner	<i>Notropis heterolepis</i>		SE
Finescale dace	<i>Chrosomus neogaeus</i>		SE
Longnose sucker	<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>		ST
Northern pearl dace	<i>Margariscus nachtriebi</i>		ST
Northern redbelly dace	<i>Chrosomus eos</i>		ST
Pallid sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>	LE	SE
Shovelnose sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus platorynchus</i>	LT	
Sicklefin chub	<i>Macrhybopsis meeki</i>		SE
Sturgeon chub	<i>Macrhybopsis gelida</i>		ST
Topeka shiner	<i>Notropis topeka</i>	LE	
<b>Reptiles and amphibians:</b>			
Eastern hognose snake	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>		ST
False map turtle	<i>Graptemys pseudogeographica</i>		ST
Lined snake	<i>Tropidoclonion lineatum</i>		SE

**Birds:**

American dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>		ST
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>		ST
Eskimo curlew	<i>Numenius borealis</i>	LE	SE
Interior least tern	<i>Sterna antillarum athalassos</i>	LE	SE
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		ST
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		SE
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	LT	ST
Whooping crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	LE	SE
Greater Sage-Grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	C	
Sprague's pipit	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	C	

**Mammals:**

Black-footed ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	LE	SE
Gray wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	LE	
Northern long-eared bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	LT	
Northern river otter	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>		ST
Swift fox	<i>Vulpes velox</i>		ST

**Plants:**

Western prairie fringed orchid	<i>Platanthera praeclara</i>	LT	
Leedy's roseroot	<i>Rhodiola integrifolia</i> ssp. <i>leedyi</i>	LT	

**KEY TO CODES:**

LE = Federal Endangered

SE = State Endangered

LT = Federal Threatened

ST = State Threatened

C = Federal Candidate

PE = Proposed Endangered

PT= Proposed Threatened

<http://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife/threatened-endangered/threatened-species.aspx>

State endangered species law (Chapter 34A-8)

[http://legis.sd.gov/Statutes/Codified\\_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=34A-8](http://legis.sd.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=34A-8)

## CHAPTER 34A-8 ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES

34A-8-1. Definition of terms. Terms as used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, mean:

- (1) "Endangered species," any species of wildlife or plants which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range other than a species of insects determined by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission or the secretary of the United States Department of Interior to constitute a pest whose protection under this chapter would present an overwhelming and overriding risk to man;
- (2) "Nongame species," any wildlife species not legally classified a game species, furbearer, threatened species, or as endangered by statute or regulations of this state;
- (3) "Threatened species," any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range;
- (4) "Wildlife," any nondomesticated animal, whether reared in captivity or not, and includes any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof, or the dead body or parts thereof.

34A-8-2. Investigation of wildlife by secretary -- Information developed. The game, fish and parks secretary shall conduct investigation on nongame, endangered, or threatened wildlife to develop information relating to population, distribution, habitat needs, limiting factors, and other biological and ecological data to determine management measures necessary to ensure their perpetuation as viable components of their ecosystem and for human enjoyment.

34A-8-3. Lists of endangered and threatened species promulgated -- Basis for determination. On the basis of determinations pursuant to § 34A-8-2 the Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate a list of those species of wildlife which are determined to be endangered or threatened within the state. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall make these determinations on the basis of the best scientific, commercial, and other data available to them and after consultation, as appropriate, with federal agencies, other interested state agencies, other states having a common interest in the species and interested persons and organizations.

34A-8-4. Biennial review of lists of endangered and threatened species -- Amendments. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall conduct a review of the state list of endangered and threatened species within the period ending July 3, 1979, and every two years thereafter and may amend the list by appropriate additions or deletions.

34A-8-5. Notice by commission of proposed actions -- Time allowed for comment. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission may not add a species to nor remove a species from any list pursuant to § 34A-8-3 or 34A-8-4, until it has:

- (1) Published a public notice of such proposed action;
- (2) Notified the Governor of any state sharing a common border with this state and in which the subject species is known to exist that such action is being proposed;
- (3) Allowed at least thirty days following publication for comment from public and other interested parties.

34A-8-6. Departments to manage, protect, and restore endangered and threatened species. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks and the Department of Agriculture shall perform those acts necessary for the conservation, management, protection, restoration, and propagation of endangered, threatened, and nongame species of wildlife.

34A-8-7. Programs and agreements for management of endangered species -- Prairie dog control on private lands. The secretary of agriculture and the secretary of game, fish and parks shall establish programs, with legislative approval and may enter into cooperative agreements with federal and state agencies or with private persons as deemed necessary for the management of nongame, endangered, or threatened species. The secretaries shall establish and conduct control programs at state expense on private lands that are encroached upon by prairie dogs from contiguous public lands.

34A-8-8. Permitting capture of endangered and threatened species -- Authorized purposes. The secretary of agriculture and the secretary of game, fish and parks may permit the taking, possession, purchase, sale, transportation, exportation, or shipment of species of plants or wildlife which appear on the state list of endangered or threatened species for scientific, zoological, or educational purposes, for propagation in captivity of such fish or wildlife to insure their survival.

34A-8-9. Possession, transportation and sale of endangered and threatened species prohibited -- Violation as misdemeanor. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person may take, possess, transport, import, export, process, sell, or offer for sale, buy or offer to buy, nor may a common or contract carrier transport or receive for shipment, any species of wildlife or plants appearing on the following lists:

- (1) The list of wildlife and plants indigenous to the state determined to be endangered or threatened within the state pursuant to § § 34A-8-3 and 34A-8-4.
- (2) The United States list of endangered or threatened native wildlife effective on January 1, 1977.
- (3) The United States list of endangered or threatened foreign wildlife effective on January 1, 1977.
- (4) The United States list of endangered or threatened plants effective on January 1, 1977.

A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

34A-8-10. Importation, possession, sale, or purchase of endangered or threatened species under permit, license, or other documentation--Violation as misdemeanor. A species of wildlife appearing on any of the lists enumerated in §34A-8-9 may enter South Dakota from another state or from a point outside the territorial limits of the United States and may be transported, possessed, sold, and purchased in accordance with the terms of a permit issued pursuant to rules promulgated by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission pursuant to chapter 1-26. However, a person may transport into South Dakota or otherwise possess, sell, or purchase within the state any animal or parts thereof appearing on any of the lists enumerated in §34A-8-9 that were lawfully taken or acquired in another state or lawfully taken or acquired from a point outside the



territorial limits of the United States if the items are accompanied by the appropriate license, documentation, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) permit, or CITES tag. It is a Class 2 misdemeanor to transport, possess, sell or purchase a species of wildlife appearing on any of the lists enumerated in §34A-8-9 in violation of the conditions of a permit, or to transport, possess, sell, or purchase any part thereof, in violation of the provisions of this section. The provisions of this section do not apply to any captive nondomestic animal of the mammalia class and the products thereof regulated by the Animal Industry Board under Title 40.

34A-8-11. Permits for capture or destruction of, wildlife to protect life or property -- Violation of permit -- Emergency protection of human life. Upon good cause shown and where necessary to alleviate damage to property or to protect human health, endangered or threatened species found on the state list may be removed, captured, or destroyed pursuant to a permit issued by the secretary of game, fish and parks. A violation of the terms of the permit is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Carnivorous animals found on the state list may be removed, captured, or destroyed by any person in emergency situations involving an immediate threat to human life, provided that the removal, capture, or destruction shall be reported to the secretary or his representative within twenty-four hours of the act.

34A-8-12. Repealed by SL 1992, ch 158, § 50.

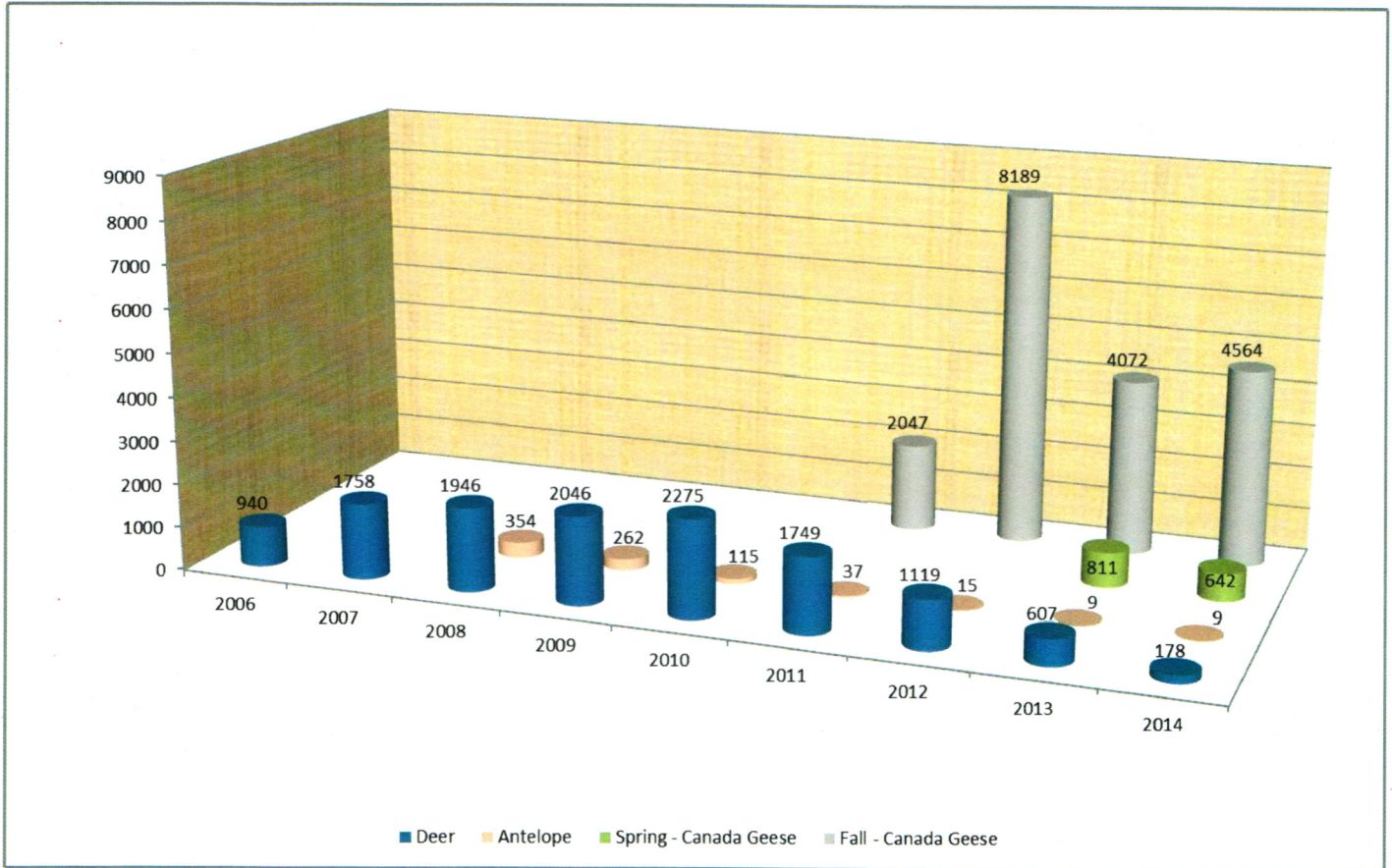
34A-8-13. Legislative approval required for reintroduction of species. No species that is currently extinct in this state and that has been placed on the threatened or endangered species list pursuant to the federal "Endangered Species Act of 1973," as amended to January 1, 1995, may be reintroduced into this state through action by any federal, state, or local governmental entity, unless the Legislature has specifically enacted legislation naming the species and specifying the manner of reintroduction.

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# Sportsmen Against Hunter (SAH) 2014 Report

## GFP Commission Meeting

### June 4-5, 2015



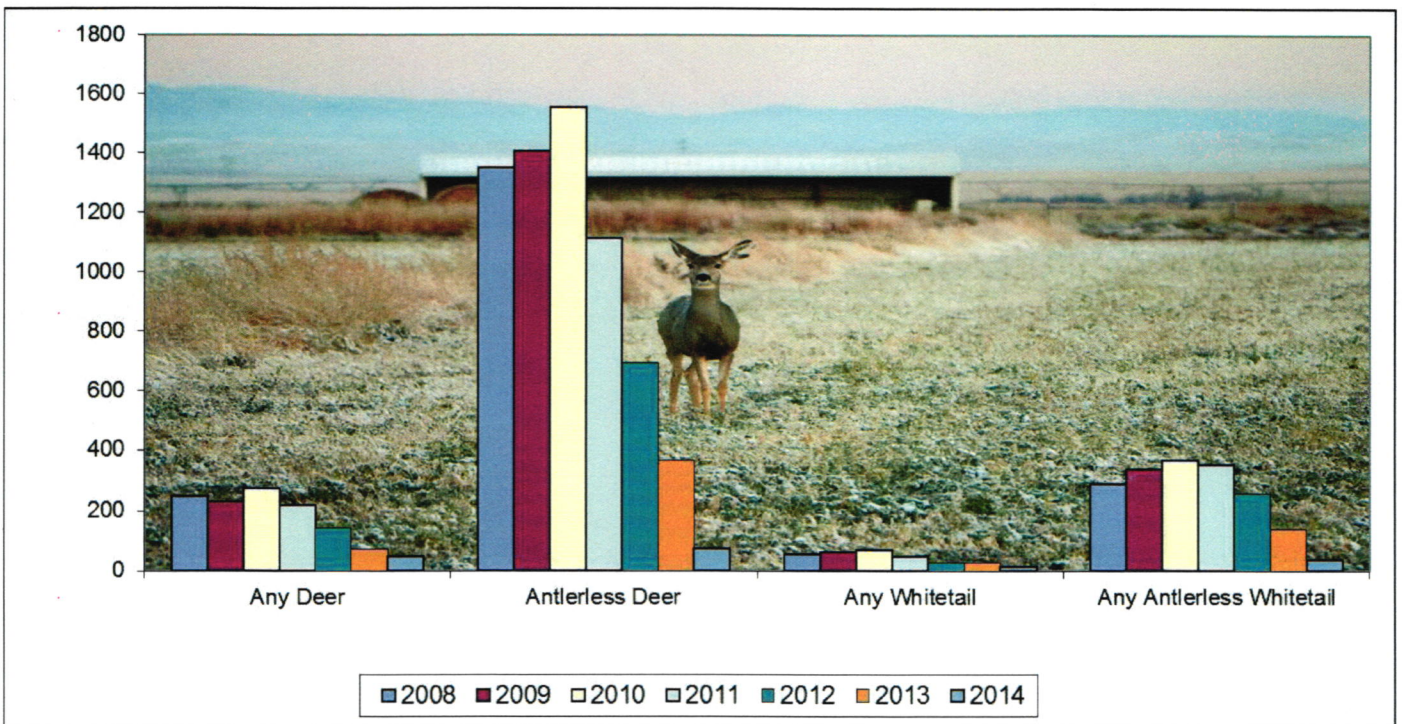
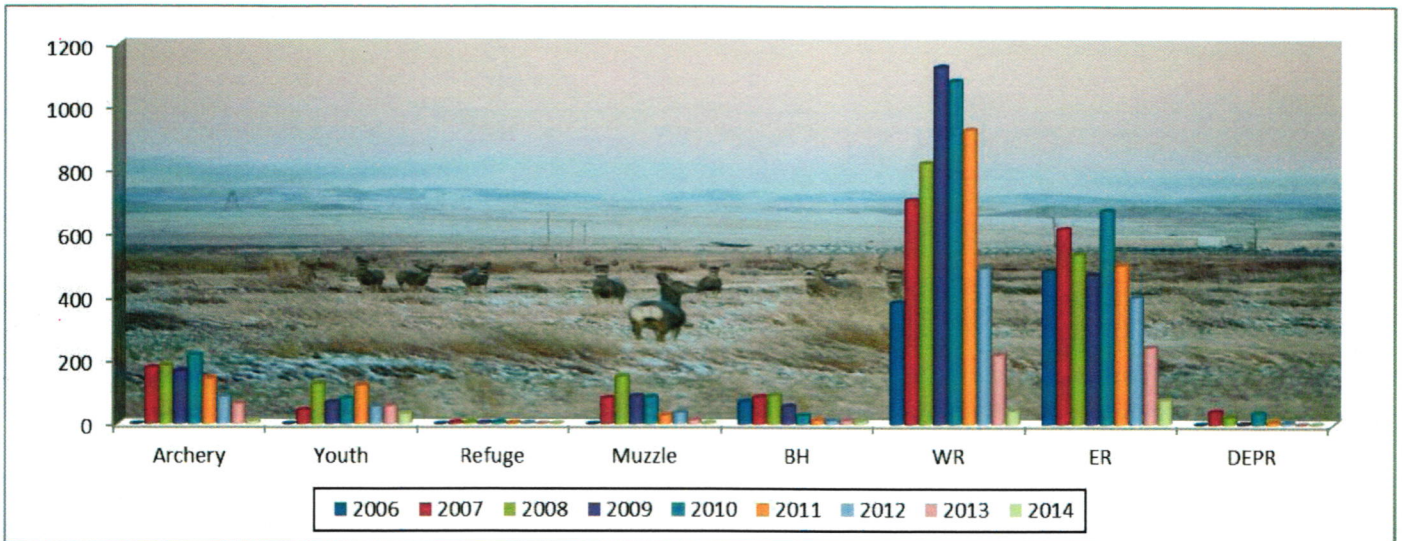
2014 = GFP contribution to SAH was reduced from a maximum of \$120,000 to \$50,000 primarily due to the reduction in antlerless deer license allocations

- Estimated 225 deer and 6,000 Canada goose donations (5,000 fall of 2014; 1,000 spring of 2015)
- \$50,000 GFP contribution included Ron Fowler's contract to coordinate activities with processors, SAH Board, and the department
- Reduced contribution level also took into account annual donations through the license check-off





## Deer Information



### ER Deer Tags

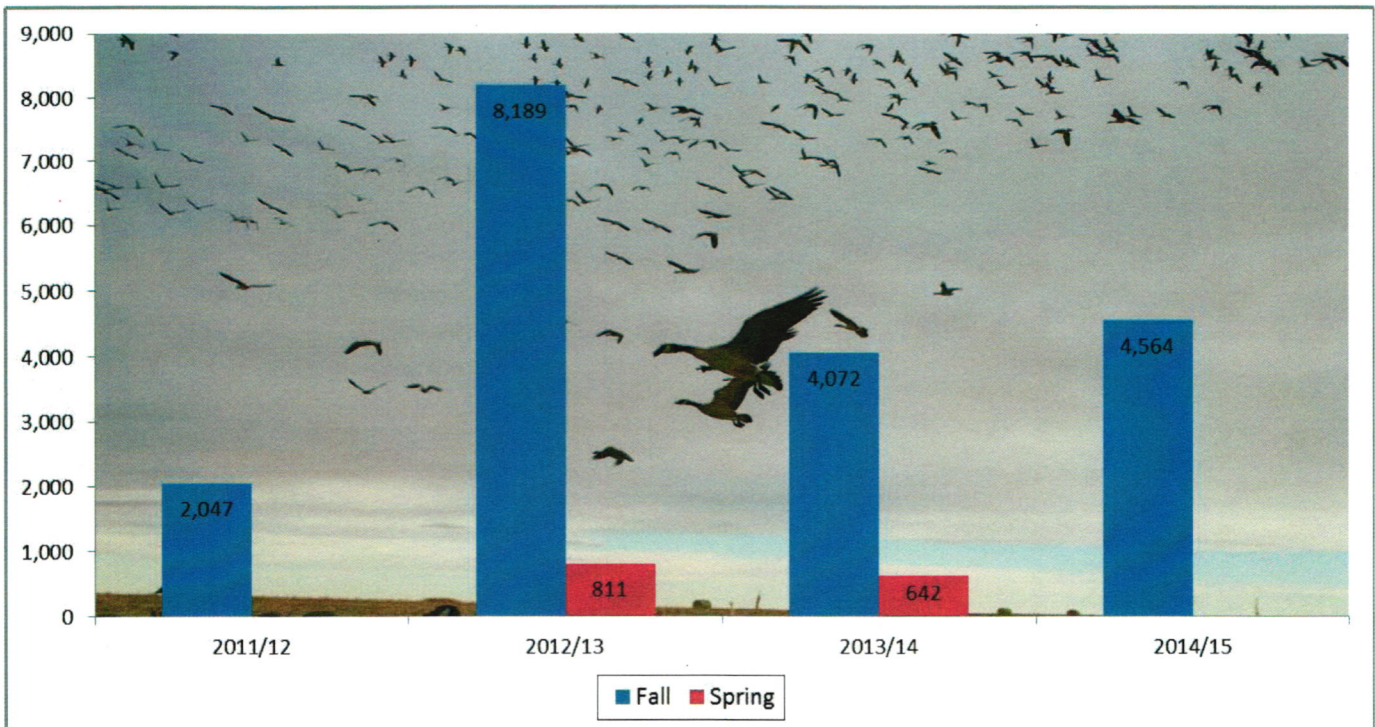
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 Any Antlerless Deer = 43/5,300  
 Any Whitetail Deer = 3/5,470  
 Any Antlerless Whitetail Deer = 9/5,400

### WR Deer Tags

Any Deer = 20/9,134  
 Any Antlerless Deer = 3/6  
 Any Whitetail Deer = 4/8,230  
 Any Antlerless Whitetail Deer = 17/4,159

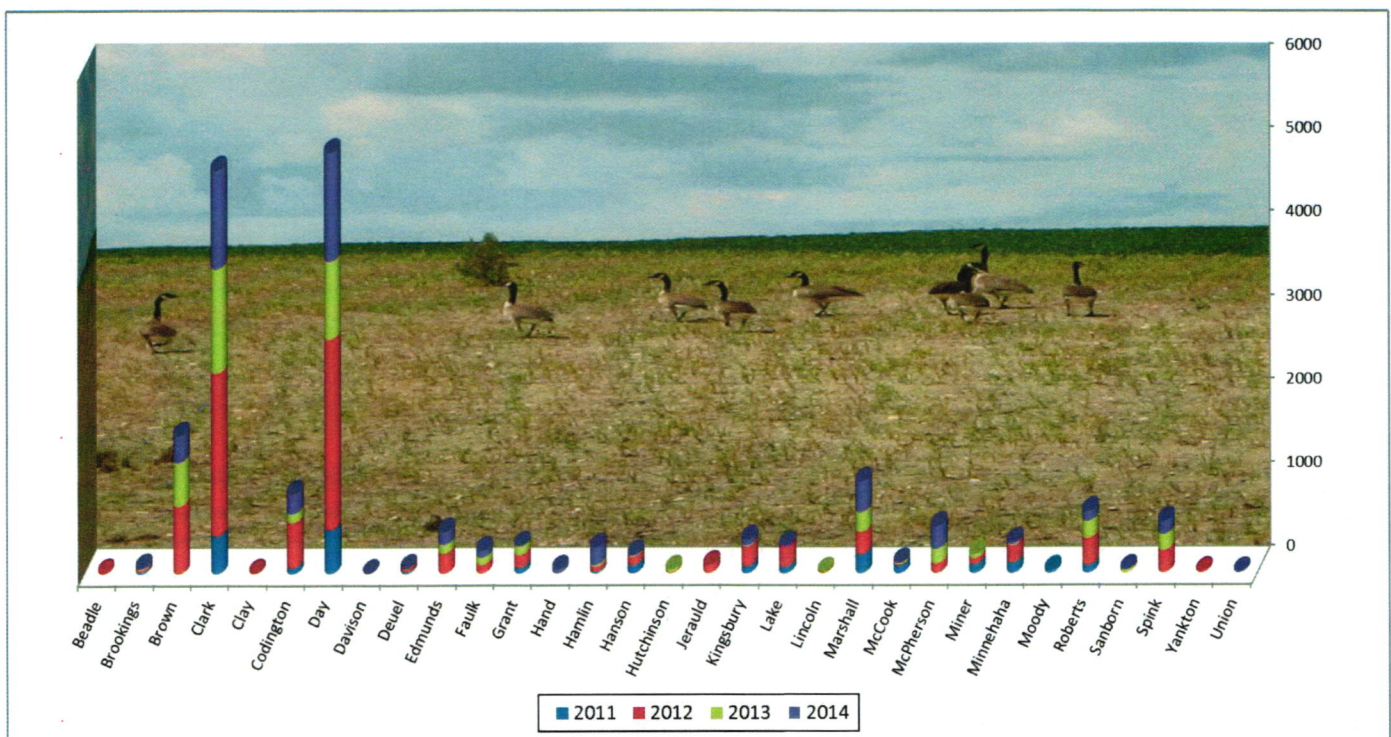


## Canada goose Information



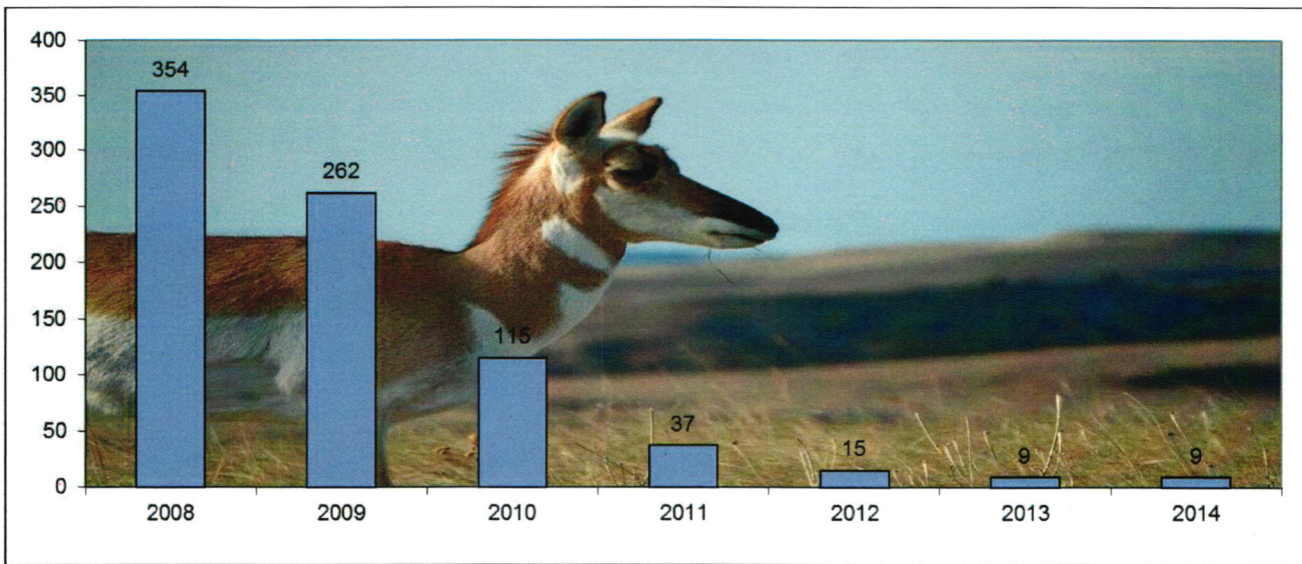
Canada goose donations added to the program in the fall of 2011.

- Fall donations begin with August Management Take and conclude the Friday before the Youth Waterfowl season
- Spring harvest program was included during the spring of 2013 and 2014
- Spring harvest program discontinued in 2015

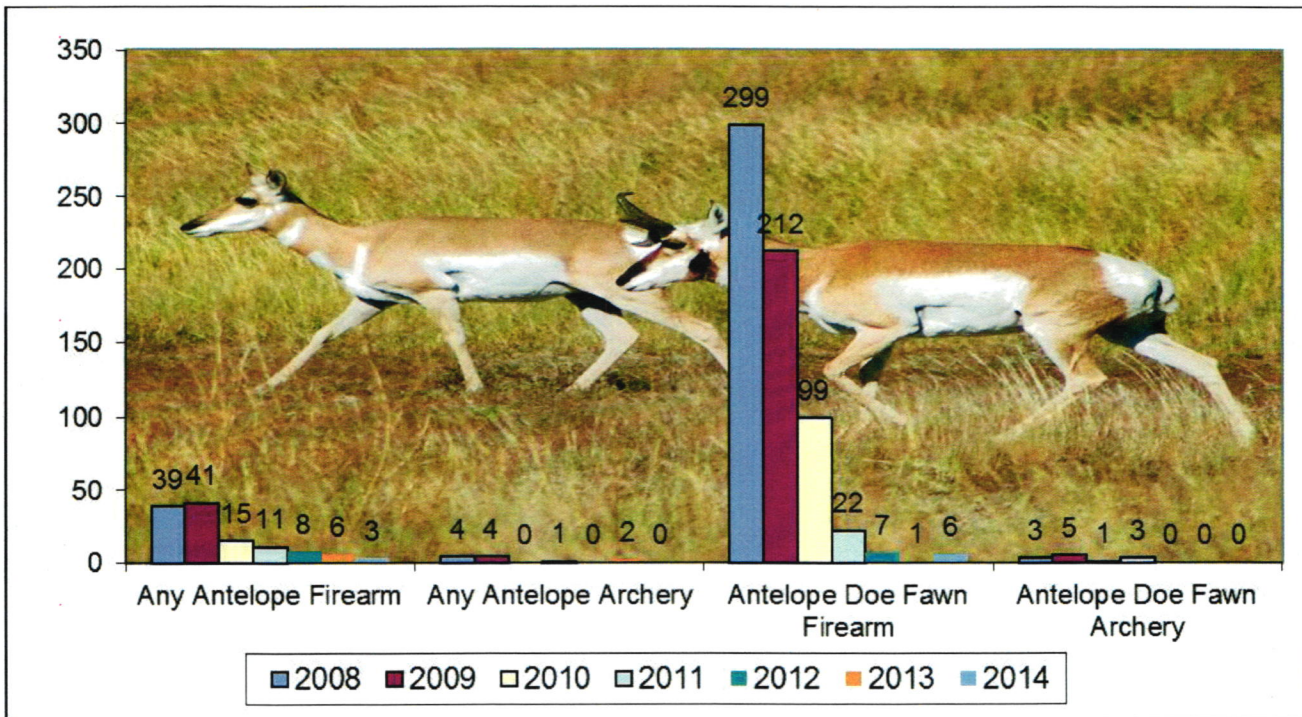




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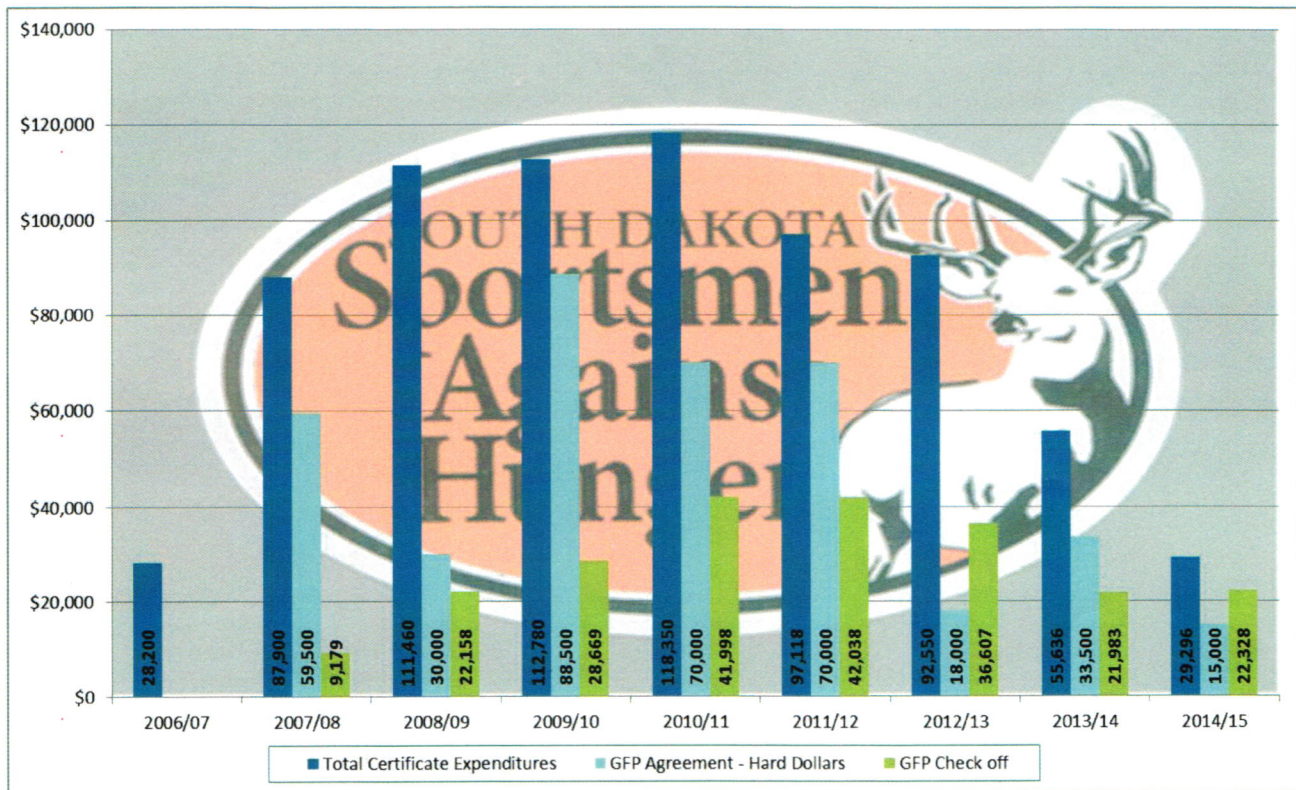
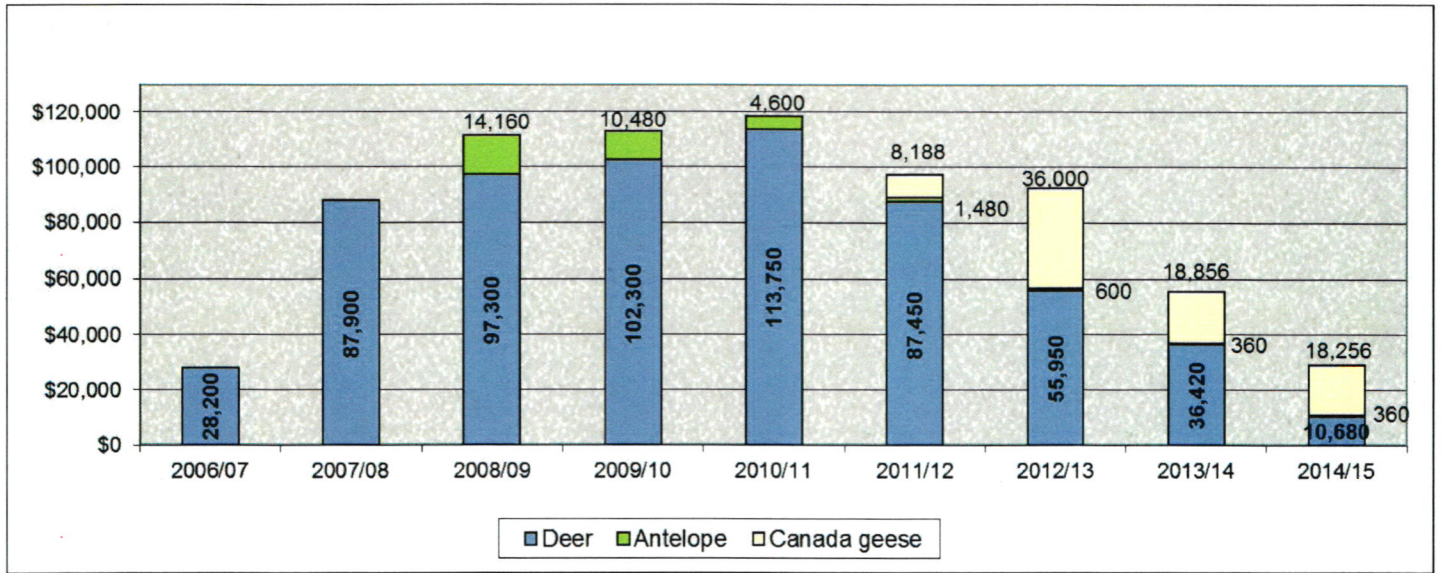


Antelope donations continue, however GFP funds have not been used to cover antelope processing since 2011.





## Funding/Expenditure Information



## SOUTH DAKOTA PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVES

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NOT RENEWED</u>	<u>RENEWED</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2006-07	15	183	32	215
2007-08	18	197	26	223
2008-09	9	208	21	229
2009-10	17	204	16	220
2010-11	30	192	18	207
2011-12	23	189	8	197
2012-13	12	185	18	203
2013-14	16	187	14	201
2014-15	18	183	14	194
2015-16	13	181	19	200

## PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE PHEASANT HARVEST AND RELEASE RECORDS 2005-2015

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># OF PSP'S</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>BIRDS RELEASED</u>	<u>TOTAL BIRDS HARVESTED</u>	<u>RELEASED BIRDS HARVESTED</u>	<u>WILD BIRDS HARVESTED</u>
2005-06	198	Pheasants	326,601	222,894	166,281 (75%)	56,613 (25%)
2006-07	215	Pheasants	394,061	247,165	200,729 (81%)	46,436 (19%)
2007-08	223	Pheasants	439,454	278,242	214,066 (77%)	63,152 (23%)
2008-09	229	Pheasants	394,184	262,709	198,895 (76%)	63,914 (24%)
2009-10	220	Pheasants	375,273	227,138	177,638 (78%)	50,180 (22%)
2010-11	207	Pheasants	356,727	242,705	185,094 (76%)	57,611 (24%)
2011-12	197	Pheasants	386,563	243,196	200,337 (82%)	43,744 (18%)
2012-13	203	Pheasants	371,305	237,965	202,991 (85%)	36,630 (15%)
2013-14	201	Pheasants	434,005	260,426	234,590 (90%)	25,836 (10%)
2014-15	194	Pheasants	420,074	268,316	234,003 (87%)	34,313 (13%)

## PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE OTHER GAME BIRD HARVEST AND RELEASE RECORDS 2014

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>BIRDS RELEASED</u>	<u>TOTAL HARVESTED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Chukar Partridge	7,180	482	7%
Gray Partridge	3,581	1547	43%
Bobwhite Quail	150	0	0%
Turkey	14	4	4%



## PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVES BY SIZE 2015-16

<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Number</u>
160	12
161 - 320	24
321 - 640	46
641 - 960	37
961 - 1279	22
1280 - 1919	35
1920 - 2559	19
2560	5

200 shooting preserves involving 168 operators  
 Total Land In Shooting Preserves: 193,463, acres  
 Average Preserve Size: 967Acres

### THE IMPACT OF ADMISTRATIVE RULE 41:09:01:03.01. DAILY BAG LIMIT

41:09:01:03.01. daily bag limit -- Shooting hours. The maximum daily bag limit for pheasants on shooting preserves is 20 cocks from the beginning of the hunting preserve season through the end of the statewide pheasant season as described in § 41:06:08:01. From the end of the statewide pheasant season through the end of the private shooting preserve season, the maximum daily bag limit is 15 cocks. The maximum daily bag limit for wild turkeys is 2 birds

#### Of the 194 private shooting preserves permitted in 2014-15:

- 26 preserves took advantage of the additional opportunity and harvested 16 or more pheasants on a single day.
- Records reflect that those 26 preserve averaged 39.34 man/days where 16 or more birds were harvested on a single day.
- 4 preserves actually made up 67% of the total man days recorded.

# License Sales Totals

(as of May 28)

date updated: 28 May 2015

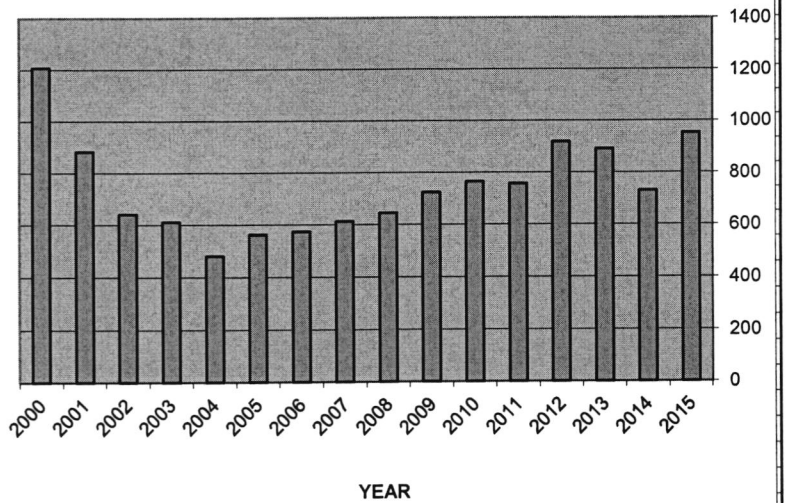
<b>Resident</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Combination	32,760	34,085
Junior Combination	4,333	4,179
Senior Combination	5,369	6,205
Small Game	1,656	1,531
Youth Small Game	793	786
1-Day Small Game	129	202
Migratory Bird Certificate	15,632	13,636
Predator/Varmint	999	1,008
Furbearer	2,462	2,343
Annual Fishing	39,351	37,594
Senior Fishing	8,562	8,639
1-Day Fishing	1,558	1,490
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,142	2,080

<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Small Game	2,233	3,142
Youth Small Game	150	205
Annual Shooting Preserve	62	97
5-day Shooting Preserve	505	553
1-day Shooting Preserve	162	248
Spring Light Goose	4,572	4,274
Youth Spring Light Goose	165	163
Migratory Bird Certificate	259	66
Predator/Varmint	1,346	1,625
Furbearer	5	5
Annual Fishing	13,693	15,438
Family Fishing	4,781	5,131
Youth Annual Fishing	557	577
3-Day Fishing	5,865	6,879
1-Day Fishing	4,848	5,050
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	434	428
<b>TOTAL ON FILE =</b>	<b>155,383</b>	<b>157,659</b>

# EAST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK (ESD)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	952
2014	731
2013	891
2012	918
2011	757
2010	766
2009	724
2008	645
2007	613
2006	573
2005	562
2004	482
2003	612
2002	641
2001	882
2000	1,208

APPLICATIONS

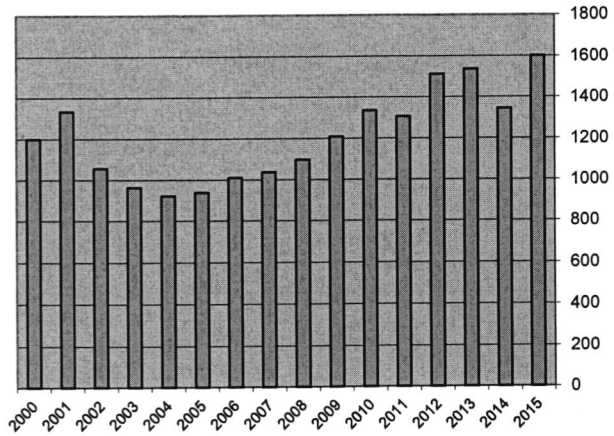


YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	556	556		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	556	556		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	556	556		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	396	396		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	952	952	882	92.65%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	656	656		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	656	656		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	656	656		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	75	75		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	731	731	690	94.39%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	687	687		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	687	687		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	687	687		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	204	204		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	891	891	840	94.28%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	418	418		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	918	918	853	92.92%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	257	257		(online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	757	757	695	91.81%

# WEST RIVER SPECIAL BUCK (WSD)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	1601
2014	1345
2013	1537
2012	1511
2011	1306
2010	1,336
2009	1,209
2008	1,098
2007	1,037
2006	1,011
2005	940
2004	923
2003	965
2002	1,057
2001	1,334
2000	1,199

APPLICATIONS



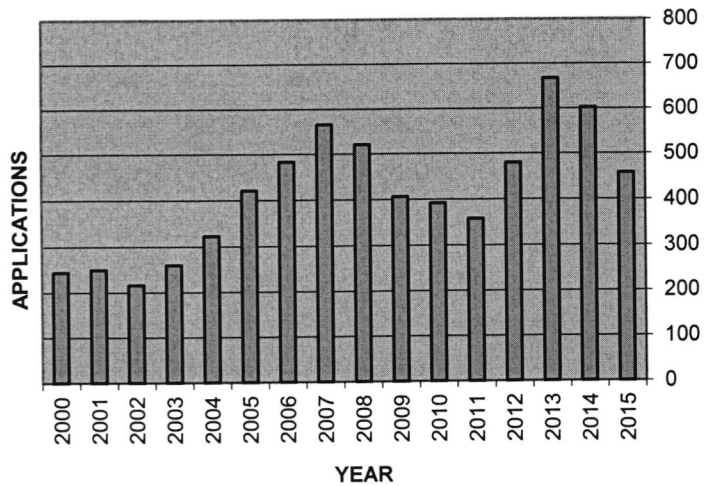
YEAR

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	215	386	601		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	715	886	1,601	1489	93.00%
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	67	278	345		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	567	778	1,345	1255	93.31%
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	189	348	537		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	689	848	1,537	1439	93.62%
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	500	500	1,000		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	127	384	511		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	627	884	1,511	1370	90.67%
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	500	500	1,000		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	500	500	1,000		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	499	500	999	1	
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0		307	307		(Online)
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	499	807	1,306	1172	89.74%



# ARCHERY PADDLEFISH (APF)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	458
2014	602
2013	668
2012	480
2011	358
2010	392
2009	406
2008	521
2007	565
2006	483
2005	421
2004	323
2003	260
2002	216
2001	250
2000	244



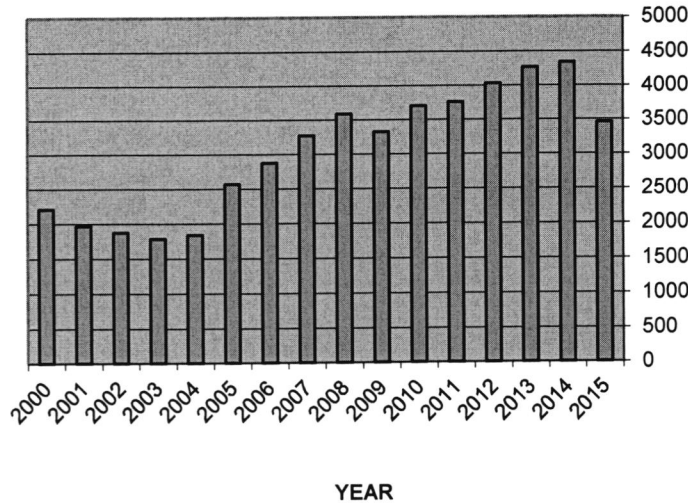
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2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	255	20	275		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	255	20	275		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	255	20	275		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	146	37	183		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	401	57	458		96%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	255	20	275		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	255	20	275		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	255	20	275		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	290	37	327		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	545	57	602		96%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	255	20	275		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	255	20	275		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	255	20	275		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	338	55	393		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	593	75	668		95%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	255	20	275		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	255	20	275		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	255	20	275		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	164	41	205		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	419	61	480		97%
YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0					
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0					
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0			
	LICENSE ISSUED	0					
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	324	34	358		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	324	34	358		95%



# PADDLEFISH SNAGGING (SPF)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	3,458
2014	4,342
2013	4,268
2012	4,031
2011	3,760
2010	3,702
2009	3,324
2008	3,587
2007	3,274
2006	2,875
2005	2,572
2004	1,836
2003	1,781
2002	1,873
2001	1,967
2000	2,208

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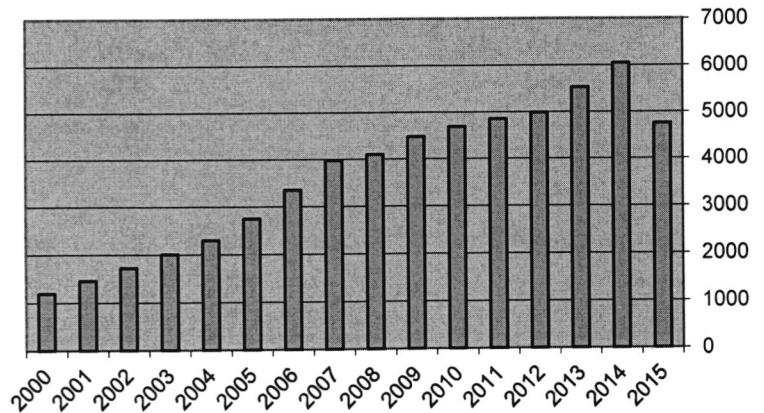


YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	1,743	115	1,858		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	3,293	165	3,458		92%
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,562	180	2,742		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	4,112	230	4,342		91%
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,490	178	2,668		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	4,040	228	4,268		91%
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,241	190	2,431		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	3,791	240	4,031		90%
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	1,550	50	1,600		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	1,998	162	2,160		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	3,548	212	3,760		90%

# BLACK HILLS BIGHORN SHEEP (BHS)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	4,757
2014	6,049
2013	5,526
2012	4,987
2011	4,854
2010	4,693
2009	4,484
2008	4,105
2007	3,975
2006	3,352
2005	2,749
2004	2,298
2003	2,009
2002	1,724
2001	1,459
2000	1,197

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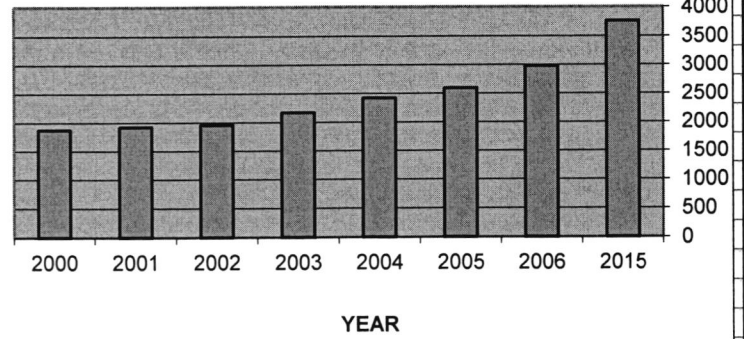
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YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	2	2		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2	2		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	2	2		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	4,755	4,755		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	4,757	4,757		97%
2014	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	2	2		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2	2		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	2	2		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	6,047	6,047		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	6,049	6,049		97%
2013	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	2	2		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2	2		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	2	2		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	5,524	5,524		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	5,526	5,526		97%
2012	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	2	2		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2	2		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	2	2		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	4,985	4,985		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	4,987	4,987		97%
2011	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	3	3		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	3	3		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	3	3		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	4,851	4,851		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	4,854	4,854		96%

# BLACK HILLS MOUNTAIN GOAT (BMG)

YEAR	TOTAL APPS
2015	3,758
2006	2,982
2005	2,596
2004	2,420
2003	2,170
2002	1,954
2001	1,919
2000	1,873

APPLICATIONS



YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2015	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	2	2		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2	2		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	2	2		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	3,756	3,756		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	3,758	3,758		97%

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2006	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	2	2		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2	2		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	2	2		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,980	2,980		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	2,982	2,982		92%

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2005	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	2	2		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	2	2		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	2	2		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,594	2,594		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	2,596	2,596		86%

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2004	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	3	3		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	3	3		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	3	3		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,417	2,417		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	2,420	2,420		77%

YEAR		LANDOWNER	RESIDENT	TOTAL	LEFTOVER	
2003	LICENSES AVAILABLE	0	3	3		
	1ST CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	3	3		
	2ND CHOICE SUCCESSFUL	0	0	0		
	LICENSE ISSUED	0	3	3		
	UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2,167	2,167		Online %
	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0	2,170	2,170		71%

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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## East River Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:21

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 7-8, 2015 June 4, 2015 June 4-5, 2015	Custer State Park Pierre Pierre
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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Season Dates:** November 21 – December 6, 2015

**Open Area:** See the attached map

**Licenses:** 21,725 one-tag, 5,100 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses (total of 31,925 tags)

#### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
2. In addition to these licenses, 556 "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application as approved at the March GFP Commission meeting.
3. Landowners not possessing a license that allows the harvest of a buck may purchase an "any deer" or a two-tag "any deer + antlerless deer" license that is valid on their property only.
4. Initially, all licenses are available only to residents. Nonresidents may apply for licenses remaining after the second lottery drawing.
5. A portion of southeastern Minnehaha County is closed to hunting with firearms other than muzzleloaders and shotguns using slugs.

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Offer 250 less one-tag licenses and 1,050 more two-tag licenses (2,100 tags) compared to 2014.
2. Establish Unit ERD-07B as an antlerless deer unit within Yankton County described as that portion of Yankton County south of SD Highway 50 and west of US Highway 81 (see map).
3. Eliminate the 9-day antlerless deer season that begins on the Saturday following Christmas.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2015	19,625	12,300	31,925
2014	19,375	10,700	30,075

Buck Tags (+1%)  
Doe Tags (+6%)

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Retain the 9-day antlerless deer season that begins on the Saturday following Christmas.

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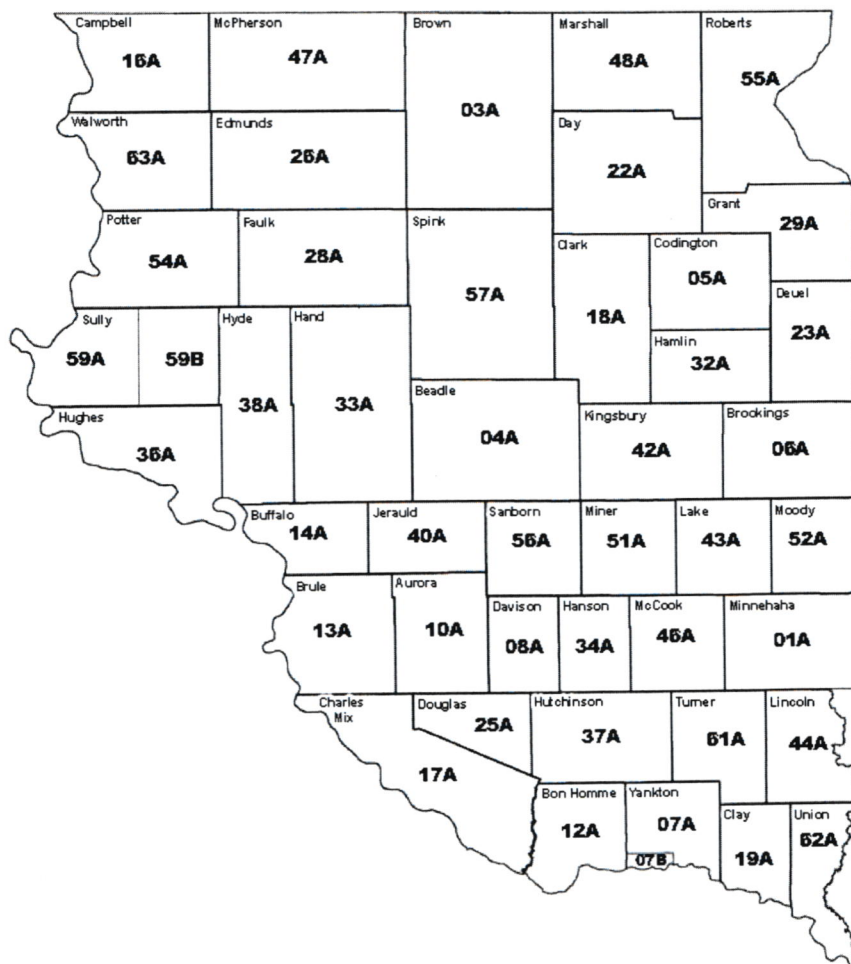


Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Success
2010	49,046	17,300	21,595	496	539	39,929	49%
2011	47,539	14,970	19,401	502	513	35,386	44%
2012	39,284	13,522	14,153	383	337	28,394	46%
2013	32,990	8,914	9,857	189	249	19,210	38%
2014	25,171	9,679	5,864	254	48	15,845	55%

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_



# EAST RIVER DEER UNITS



## 2015 – License and Tag Numbers by Unit

01A	550	550	22A	600	600	44A	200	200
03A	1,500	1,500	23A	400	400	46A	350	350
04A	1,000	1,000	25A	250	250	47A	800	800
05A	250	250	26A	1,200	2,400	48A	500	500
06A	450	450	28A	1,500	3,000	51A	800	800
07A	150	150	29A	300	300	52A	300	300
07B	50	50	32A	600	600	54A	1,050	1,050
08A	300	300	33A	1,020	1,020	55A	400	400
10A	800	1,100	34A	300	300	56A	800	800
12A	150	150	36A	575	725	57A	1,300	1,300
13A	1,350	1,350	37A	20	20	59A	550	950
14A	400	400	38A	920	1,820	59B	470	920
16A	720	720	40A	650	850	61A	100	100
17A	450	450	42A	700	700	62A	200	200
18A	600	600	43A	350	350	63A	750	750
19A	150	150						

## EAST RIVER DEER -- 2015

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident Licenses												License Totals				
		AnyD	AtID	AD+2AntID	3AntID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AnyW+2AntIW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags
		550												550	0	0	550	550
01A	Minnehaha	550												1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500
03A	Brown	1,000	500											1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
04A	Beadle	600	400											250	0	0	250	250
05A	Codington	250												450	0	0	450	450
06A	Brookings	450												150	0	0	150	150
07A	Yankton	150												50	0	0	50	50
07B	Yankton		50											300	0	0	300	300
08A	Davison	300												500	300	0	800	1,100
10A	Aurora	50						200	250			200	100	150	0	0	150	150
12A	Bon Homme							150						1,350	0	0	1,350	1,350
13A	Brule	300						700	350					400	0	0	400	400
14A	Buffalo	100						250	50					720	0	0	720	720
16A	Campbell	20						400	300					450	0	0	450	450
17A	Charles Mix	150						300						600	0	0	600	600
18A	Clark	600												150	0	0	150	150
19A	Clay	150												600	0	0	600	600
22A	Day	600												400	0	0	400	400
23A	Deuel	400												250	0	0	250	250
25A	Douglas							250						0	1,200	0	1,200	2,400
26A	Edmunds					700	500							0	1,500	0	1,500	3,000
28A	Faulk					600	900							300	0	0	300	300
29A	Grant	300												600	0	0	600	600
32A	Hamlin	600												1,020	0	0	1,020	1,020
33A	Hand	20						500	500					300	0	0	300	300
34A	Hanson	300												425	150	0	575	725
36A	Hughes	175						250				150		20	0	0	20	20
37A	Hutchinson							20						20	900	0	920	1,820
38A	Hyde	20										500	400	450	200	0	650	850
40A	Jerauld	50						150	250			200		700	0	0	700	700
42A	Kingsbury	500	200											350	0	0	350	350
43A	Lake	350												200	0	0	200	200
44A	Lincoln	200												350	0	0	350	350
46A	McCook	350												800	0	0	800	800
47A	McPherson	500	300											500	0	0	500	500
48A	Marshall	500												800	0	0	800	800
51A	Miner	400	400											300	0	0	300	300
52A	Moody	300												1,050	0	0	1,050	1,050
54A	Potter	150						500	400					400	0	0	400	400
55A	Roberts	400												800	0	0	800	800
56A	Sanborn	400	400											1,300	0	0	1,300	1,300
57A	Spink	900	400											150	400	0	550	950
59A	Sully West	150										250	150	20	450	0	470	920
59B	Sully East	20										350	100	100	0	0	100	100
61A	Turner	100												200	0	0	200	200
62A	Union	200												750	0	0	750	750
63A	Walworth	50						400	300					21,725	5,100	0	26,825	31,925
	TOTAL	12,605	2,650	0	0	1,300	1,400	4,070	2,400	0	0	1,650	750	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AD+2AntID	3AntID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AnyW+2AntIW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags

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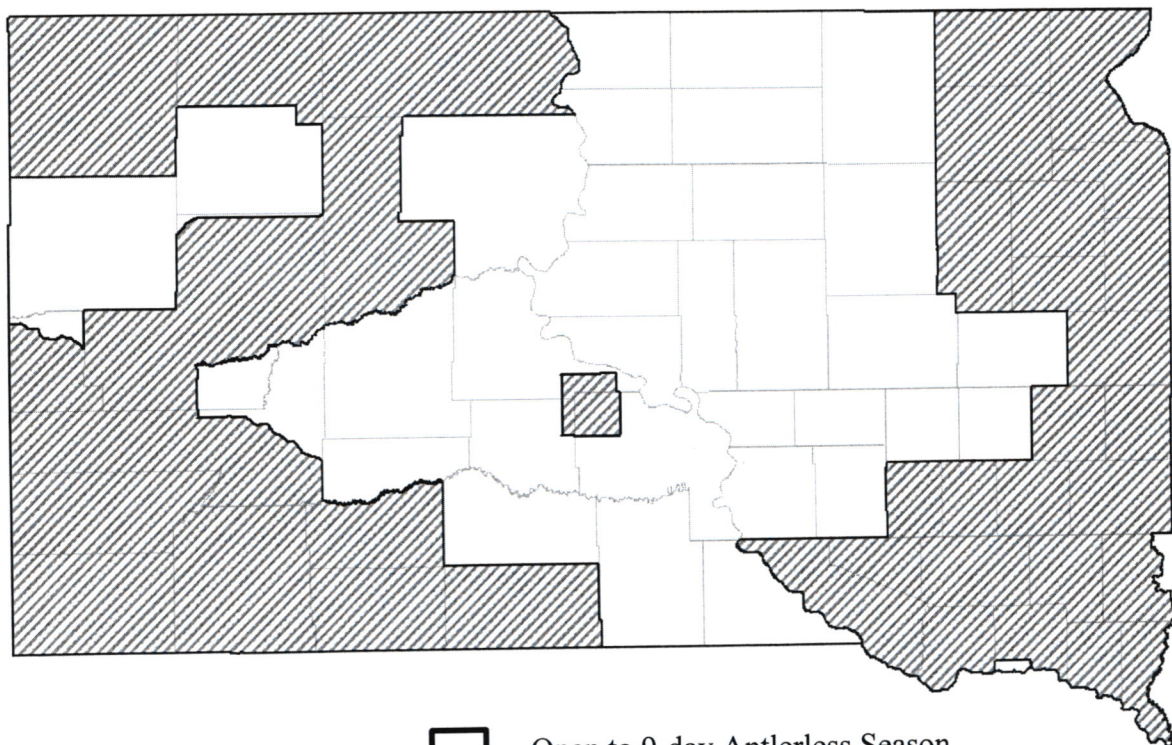


EAST RIVER DEER  
2014--2015 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2014 Resident Licenses	2015 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2014 Resident Tags	2015 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
03A	Brown	1,500	1,500	0	0%	1,500	1,500	0	0%
04A	Beadle	900	1,000	100	11%	900	1,000	100	11%
05A	Codington	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
06A	Brookings	500	450	-50	-10%	500	450	-50	-10%
07A	Yankton	100	150	50	50%	100	150	50	50%
07B	Yankton	0	50	50	NA	0	50	50	NA
08A	Davison	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
10A	Aurora	700	800	100	14%	900	1,100	200	22%
12A	Bon Homme	50	150	100	200%	50	150	100	200%
13A	Brule	1,350	1,350	0	0%	1,350	1,350	0	0%
14A	Buffalo	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
16A	Campbell	720	720	0	0%	720	720	0	0%
17A	Charles Mix	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
18A	Clark	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
19A	Clay	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
22A	Day	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
23A	Deuel	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
25A	Douglas	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
26A	Edmunds	1,200	1,200	0	0%	1,700	2,400	700	41%
28A	Faulk	1,300	1,500	200	15%	2,600	3,000	400	15%
29A	Grant	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
32A	Hamlin	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
33A	Hand	1,020	1,020	0	0%	1,020	1,020	0	0%
34A	Hanson	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
36A	Hughes	525	575	50	10%	625	725	100	16%
37A	Hutchinson	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
38A	Hyde	920	920	0	0%	1,820	1,820	0	0%
40A	Jerauld	650	650	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
42A	Kingsbury	750	700	-50	-7%	750	700	-50	-7%
43A	Lake	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
46A	McCook	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
47A	McPherson	800	800	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
48A	Marshall	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
51A	Miner	700	800	100	14%	700	800	100	14%
52A	Moody	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
54A	Potter	1,050	1,050	0	0%	1,050	1,050	0	0%
55A	Roberts	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	650	800	150	23%	650	800	150	23%
57A	Spink	1,300	1,300	0	0%	1,300	1,300	0	0%
59A	Sully West	550	550	0	0%	950	950	0	0%
59B	Sully East	470	470	0	0%	920	920	0	0%
61A	Turner	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
62A	Union	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
63A	Walworth	750	750	0	0%	750	750	0	0%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,025</b>	<b>26,825</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>30,075</b>	<b>31,925</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>6%</b>

2015  
9-day Antlerless Deer Season  
(Open only in those units with antlerless deer tags)



Open to 9-day Antlerless Season



Closed to 9-day Antlerless Season



# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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## West River Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:20

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 7-8, 2015 June 4, 2015 June 4-5, 2015	Custer State Park Pierre Pierre
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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Season Dates:

Units 30A (Gregory) and 50A (Mellette):  
All Other Units:

November 7-10 and November 23-29, 2015  
November 14-29, 2015

Open Area: See the attached map

Licenses: Residents: 16,440 one-tag, 1,620 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses  
Nonresidents: 1,319 one-tag, 130 two-tag, and 0 three-tag licenses

#### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. 500 resident and 500 nonresident "any deer" licenses are available through the "Special Buck" application.
2. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference applicants.
3. Landowners may also purchase an "any deer" or "any deer + any antlerless deer" license that is valid only on their property as long they do not hold a regular West River deer license that allows the harvest of a buck.
4. Only persons using a wheelchair may apply for the licenses in Stanley County (Unit 58D) designated as a special "Hunters with Disabilities Unit."

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust resident license numbers by decreasing one-tag licenses by 250 compared to 2014.
2. Adjust nonresident license numbers by decreasing one-tag licenses by 20 compared to 2014.
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit WRD-30A (Gregory County) and Unit WRD-50A (Mellette County) as described: The season in these units are open for four consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 19 days prior to Thanksgiving first Saturday of November and for seven consecutive days beginning on the Monday three days prior to Thanksgiving after the third Saturday of November.
4. Adjust the season dates for Unit WRD-20A (Corson County), WRD-24A (Dewey County), and WRD-64A (Ziebach County) from being open for 23 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday of November to the regular season dates of 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday twelve days prior to Thanksgiving.
5. Change county name of Unit WRD-65A from Shannon County to Oglala Lakota County.
6. Eliminate the 9-day antlerless deer season that begins on the Saturday following Christmas.

Year	Buck Tags	Doe Tags	Total Tags
2014	16,075	3,855	19,930
2015	15,925	3,755	19,680

Buck Tags (-1%)  
Doe Tags (-1%)

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Retain the 9-day antlerless deer season that begins on the Saturday following Christmas.

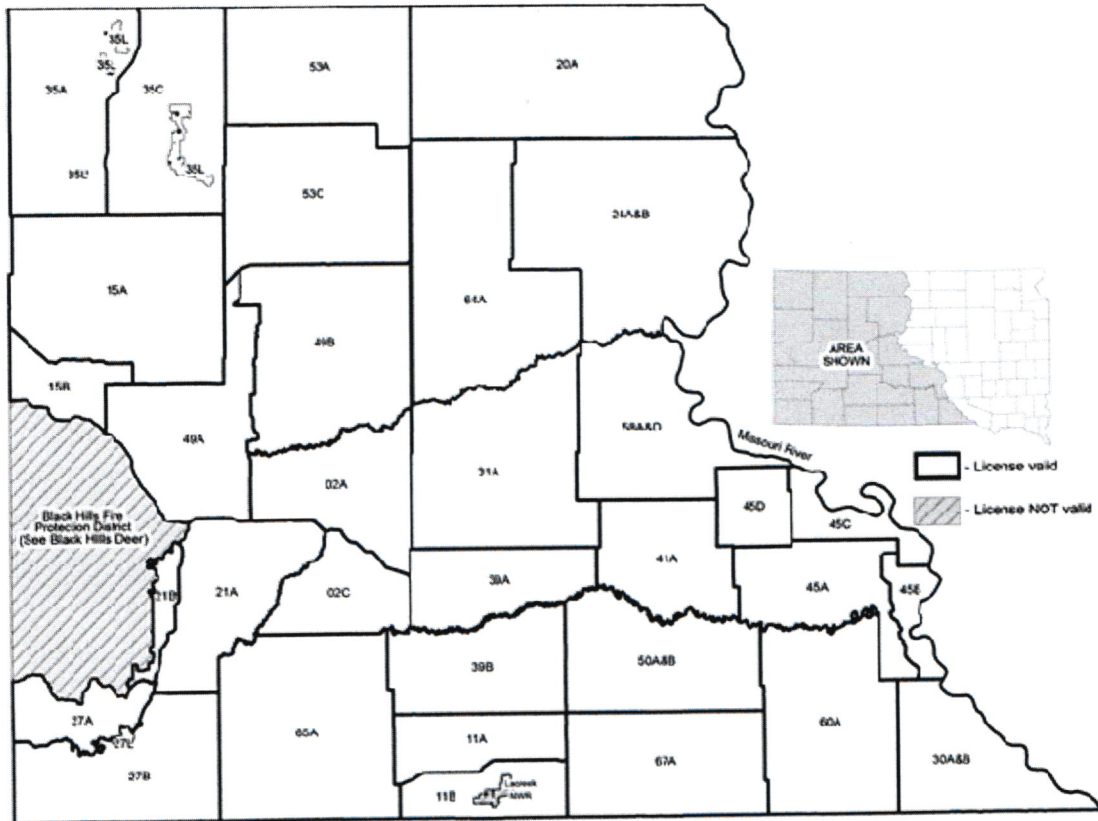
**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

	Licenses	WT Bucks	WT Does	MD Bucks	MD Does	All Deer	
Year	Sold	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Harvested	Success
2010	31,914	11,009	11,665	5,759	5,537	33,970	49%
2011	29,895	11,139	12,301	4,456	3,901	31,797	48%
2012	25,654	8,978	9,146	3,950	2,466	24,541	49%
2013	22,838	7,000	5,632	2,729	1,567	16,927	36%
2014	19,828	6,660	2,264	2,430	277	11,632	57%

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_
 MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_
 NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

# WEST RIVER DEER UNITS

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## 2015 - West River Deer License & Tag Numbers

Unit	Resident		Nonresident		Unit	Resident		Nonresident	
	Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags		Licenses	Tags	Licenses	Tags
02A	600	800	48	64	39A	250	250	20	20
02C	150	150	12	12	39B	350	350	28	28
11A	250	250	20	20	41A	700	700	56	56
11B	200	200	16	16	45A	800	1,400	64	112
15A	800	1,500	64	120	45B	250	250	20	20
15B	750	850	60	68	45C	50	70	5	7
20A	400	400	32	32	45D	90	90	8	8
21A	300	300	24	24	49A	850	850	68	68
21B	100	100	8	8	49B	1,100	1,100	88	88
24A	450	450	36	36	50A	450	450	36	36
24B	20	20	2	2	50B	600	600	48	48
27A	100	100	8	8	53A	650	650	52	52
27B	400	400	32	32	53C	1,100	1,100	88	88
27L	15	15	2	2	58A	550	550	44	44
30A	800	800	64	64	58D	10	10	2	2
30B	800	800	64	64	60A	1,800	1,800	144	144
31A	900	900	72	72	64A	500	500	40	40
35A	300	300	24	24	65A	75	75	6	6
35C	300	300	24	24	67A	150	150	12	12
35L	100	100	8	8					



# West River Deer - 2015

		Resident Licenses												Nonresident Licenses												License Totals										
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AD+2AtID	3 AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AW+2AtIW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	AnyD	AtID	AD+2AtID	3 AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AW+2AtIW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR		
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Lic	Tags	
02A	Pennington	400											200		32											400	200		600	800	32	16		48	64	
02C	Pennington	100						50							8						4					150			150	150	12			12	12	
11A	Bennett	150						100							12						8					250			250	250	20			20	20	
11B	Bennett	100						100							8						8					200			200	200	16			16	16	
15A	Butte	100										550	150		8									44	12	100	700		800	1,500	8	56		64	120	
15B	Butte	650											100		52										8	650	100		750	850	52	8		60	68	
20A	Corson	100						300							8						24					400			400	400	32			32	32	
21A	Custer	100						200							8						16					300			300	300	24			24	24	
21B	Custer	100													8											100			100	100	8			8	8	
24A	Dewey	100						250	100						8						20	8				450			450	450	36			36	36	
24B	Little Moreau							10	10												1	1				20			20	20	2			2	2	
27A	Fall River	100													8											100			100	100	8			8	8	
27B	Fall River	200						200							16						16					400			400	400	32			32	32	
27L	Fall River	15													2											15			15	15	2			2	2	
30A	Gregory	150						600	50						12						48	4				800			800	800	64			64	64	
30B	Gregory	150						600	50						12						48	4				800			800	800	64			64	64	
31A	Haakon	600						150	150						48						12	12				900			900	900	72			72	72	
35A	Harding	150						150							12						12					300			300	300	24			24	24	
35C	Harding	50						250							4						20					300			300	300	24			24	24	
35L	Harding	100													8											100			100	100	8			8	8	
39A	Jackson	150						100							12						8					250			250	250	20			20	20	
39B	Jackson	250						100							20						8					350			350	350	28			28	28	
41A	Jones	300						250	150						24						20	12				700			700	700	56			56	56	
45A	Lyman	200										450	150		16						16				36	12	200	600		800	1,400	16	48		64	112
45B	Lyman	50						200							4											250			250	250	20			20	20	
45C	Lyman	30											20		3										2	30	20		50	70	3	2		5	7	
45D	Lyman	30						60							3						5					90			90	90	8			8	8	
49A	Meade	700						150							56						12					850			850	850	68			68	68	
49B	Meade	700						400							32						32					1100			1,100	1,100	88			88	88	
50A	Mellette	150						200	100						12						16	8				450			450	450	36			36	36	
50B	Mellette	250						250	100						20						20	8				600			600	600	48			48	48	
53A	Perkins	300						350							24						28					650			650	650	52			52	52	
53C	Perkins	500						300	300						40						24	24				1100			1,100	1,100	88			88	88	
58A	Stanley	150						200	200						12						16	16				550			550	550	44			44	44	
58D	Stanley	5	5												1	1										10			10	10	2			2	2	
60A	Tripp	600						700	500						48						56	40				1800			1,800	1,800	144			144	144	
64A	Ziebach	300						200							24						16					500			500	500	40			40	40	
65A	Oglala Lakota	75													6											75			75	75	6			6	6	
67A	Todd	150													12											150			150	150	12			12	12	
	TOTAL	8,305	5					6,420	1,710				1,200	420	667	1					514	137			96	34	16,440	1,620		18,060	19,680	1,319	130		1,449	1,579
Unit #	Unit Name	AnyD	AtID	AD+2AtID	3 AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AW+2AtIW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	AnyD	AtID	AD+2AtID	3 AtID	AD+AtID	2 AtID	AnyW	AtIW	AW+2AtIW	3 AtIW	AW+AtIW	2 AtIW	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR		
		01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	01	03	06	07	08	09	11	13	16	17	18	19	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	3-tag	Lic	Tags	
																										RES & NR:	17,759	1,750		19,509	21,259					

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WEST RIVER DEER  
2014--2015 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2014 Resident Licenses	2015 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2014 Resident Tags	2015 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
02A	Pennington	700	600	-100	-14%	900	800	-100	-11%
02C	Pennington	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
11A	Bennett	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
11B	Bennett	200	200	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
15A	Butte	800	800	0	0%	1,500	1,500	0	0%
15B	Butte	750	750	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
20A	Corson	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
21A	Custer	350	300	-50	-14%	350	300	-50	-14%
21B	Custer	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
24A	Dewey	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
24B	Little Moreau	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
27A	Fall River	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
27B	Fall River	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
27L	Fall River	15	15	0	0%	15	15	0	0%
30A	Gregory	800	800	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
30B	Gregory	800	800	0	0%	800	800	0	0%
31A	Haakon	900	900	0	0%	900	900	0	0%
35A	Harding	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
35C	Harding	300	300	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
35L	Harding	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
39A	Jackson	350	250	-100	-29%	350	250	-100	-29%
39B	Jackson	300	350	50	17%	300	350	50	17%
41A	Jones	700	700	0	0%	700	700	0	0%
45A	Lyman	800	800	0	0%	1,400	1,400	0	0%
45B	Lyman	300	250	-50	-17%	300	250	-50	-17%
45C	Lyman	50	50	0	0%	70	70	0	0%
45D	Lyman	90	90	0	0%	90	90	0	0%
49A	Meade	850	850	0	0%	850	850	0	0%
49B	Meade	1,100	1,100	0	0%	1,100	1,100	0	0%
50A	Mellette	450	450	0	0%	450	450	0	0%
50B	Mellette	600	600	0	0%	600	600	0	0%
53A	Perkins	650	650	0	0%	650	650	0	0%
53C	Perkins	1,100	1,100	0	0%	1,100	1,100	0	0%
58A	Stanley	550	550	0	0%	550	550	0	0%
58D	Stanley	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
60A	Tripp	1,800	1,800	0	0%	1,800	1,800	0	0%
64A	Ziebach	500	500	0	0%	500	500	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
67A	Todd	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,310</b>	<b>18,060</b>	<b>-250</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>19,930</b>	<b>19,680</b>	<b>-250</b>	<b>-1%</b>

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

### Unit WRD-30 A (Gregory County) and Unit WRD-50A (Mellette County)

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**Current Season Dates:** 4 consecutive days beginning on the 1st Saturday of November and for 7 consecutive days beginning on the Monday after the 3rd Saturday of November.

**Proposed Season Dates:** 4 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 19 days prior to Thanksgiving and for 7 consecutive days beginning on the Monday 3 days prior to Thanksgiving.

Year	Current Season Dates	
2015	November 7-10	November 23-29
2016	November 5-8	November 21-27
2017	November 4-7	November 20-26
2018	November 3-6	November 19-25
2019	November 2-5	November 18-24
2020	November 7-10	November 23-29
2021	November 6-9	November 22-28
2022	November 5-8	November 21-27
2023	November 4-7	November 20-26
2024	November 2-5	November 18-24

Year	Proposed Season Dates	
2015	November 7-10	November 23-29
2016	November 5-8	November 21-27
2017	November 4-7	November 20-26
2018	November 3-6	November 19-25
2019	November 9-12	Nov. 25 -- Dec. 1
2020	November 7-10	November 23-29
2021	November 6-9	November 22-28
2022	November 5-8	November 21-27
2023	November 4-7	November 20-26
2024	November 9-12	Nov. 25 -- Dec. 1

The proposed change will ensure that the 2nd season will overlap with Thanksgiving weekend.

### Unit WRD-20A (Corson County), Unit WRD-24A (Dewey County), and Unit WRD-64A (Ziebach County)

**Current Season Dates:** 23 consecutive days beginning on the 1st Saturday of November

**Proposed Season Dates:** 16 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday 12 days prior to Thanksgiving.

Year	Current Season Dates
2015	November 7 - 29
2016	November 5 - 27
2017	November 4 - 26
2018	November 3 - 25
2019	November 2 - 24
2020	November 7 - 29
2021	November 6 - 28
2022	November 5 - 27
2023	November 4 - 26
2024	November 1 - 23

Year	Proposed Season Dates
2015	November 14 - 29
2016	November 12 - 27
2017	November 11 - 26
2018	November 10 - 25
2019	November 16 - December 1
2020	November 14 - 29
2021	November 13 - 28
2022	November 12 - 27
2023	November 11 - 26
2024	November 15 - 30

The proposed change will align the season dates for these units with the regular West River deer season dates and result in a net loss of 7 hunting days.



**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION**

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**Black Hills Deer Hunting Season  
Chapter 41:06:19**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>May 7-8, 2015</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>June 4, 2015</b>	<b>Pierre</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>June 4-5, 2015</b>	<b>Pierre</b>

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:** November 1-30, 2015

**Open Area:** Black Hills

**Licenses:** 200 resident and 16 nonresident "Any" deer licenses  
3,500 resident and 280 nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. One-half of the resident licenses allocated for each unit are available for landowner preference.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Offer 500 more resident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses and 40 more nonresident "Any Whitetail" deer licenses.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

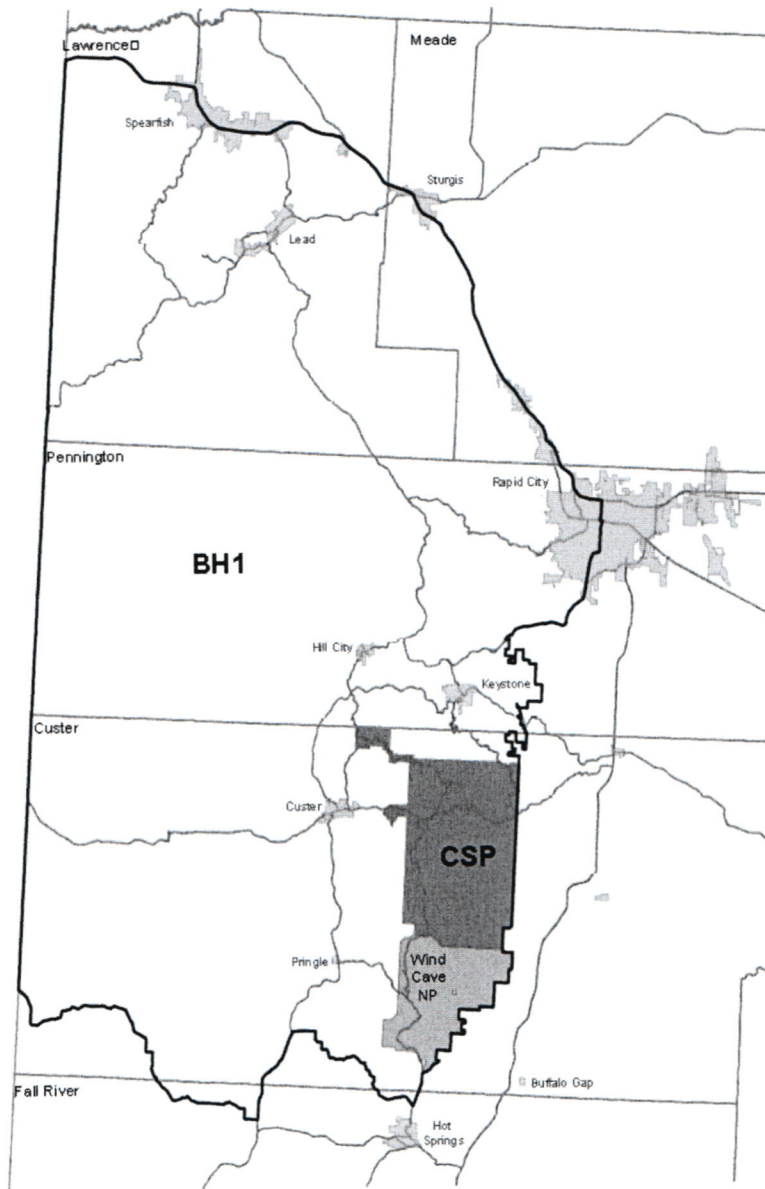
Year	Resident Licenses	Nonresident Licenses	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Hunter Success
2010	4,938	389	2,203	599	101	16	3,017	57%
2011	4,137	329	2,011	401	107	10	2,530	57%
2012	3,337	243	2,008	289	88	6	2,391	67%
2013	3,330	261	1,912	318	62	2	2,294	64%
2014	3,242	256	2,076	275	59	0	2,410	69%

**APPROVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MODIFY** \_\_\_\_\_ **REJECT** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO ACTION** \_\_\_\_\_



# BLACK HILLS DEER UNITS

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## Black Hills Deer Licenses - 2015

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses	
	"Any Deer"	"Any Whitetail"	"Any Deer"	"Any Whitetail"
BH1	200	3,500	16	280

# Black Hills Deer - 2015

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
BD1														
BD2														
BD3														
BD4														
BH1	200	3,500		16	280		3,700				296			
TOTAL	200	3,500		16	280		3,700				296			
Unit	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	Any D	Any WT	Atl Whitetail	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	11	13	01	11	13	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
					RES and NR:		3,996							

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BLACK HILLS DEER  
2014--2015 Comparison

Resident Licenses												
Unit	Any Deer				Any Whitetail				Antlerless Whitetail			
	Year		Change		Year		Change		Year		Chage	
	2014	2015	#	%	2014	2015	#	%	2014	2015	#	%
BD1												
BD2												
BD3												
BD4												
BH1	200	200	0	0%	3,000	3,500	500	17%				
TOTAL	200	200	0	0%	3,000	3,500	500	17%	0	0	0	0%

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents.

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GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION

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**National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Season**  
Chapter 41:06:36

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal Public Hearing Finalization	May 7-8, 2015 June 4, 2015 June 4-5, 2015	Custer State Park Pierre Pierre
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**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

**Season Dates:**

Sand Lake NWR	November 14-18, November 19-23, November 24-29, November 30 – December 6, December 7-13.
Lacreek NWR	October 21-27 and November 25 – December 1.
Waubay NWR*	November 14-21, November 22-29, and November 30 – December 6.

\* includes Waubay State Game Refuge

**Licenses:**

Sand Lake NWR	Resident: 100 "any deer" and 50 "any antlerless deer" licenses Nonresident: 10 "any deer" and 5 "any antlerless deer" licenses
Lacreek NWR	Residents: 30 "any deer" licenses Nonresidents: 4 "any deer" licenses
Waubay NWR	Residents: 30 "any deer" licenses Nonresidents: 3 "any deer" licenses

**Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. The first season on Sand Lake NWR, both seasons on Lacreek NWR and the first 2 seasons on Waubay NWR are restricted to muzzleloaders.
2. Applicants may apply for only one refuge unit (season) in the first application period.
3. Licenses remaining after the first application period may be purchased by any resident or nonresident on a first-come, first serve basis.

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Open Unit RFD-SL4 and offer 20 more resident and 2 more nonresident "any deer" licenses and 10 more resident and 1 more nonresident "any antlerless deer" licenses for Sand Lake NWR.
2. Adjust the season dates for Waubay NWR as follows:

Unit RFD-WA1 is open for 8 5 consecutive days beginning seven ~~eight~~ days prior to the beginning of East River deer hunting season.

Unit RFD-WA2 is open for 8 5 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-WA1 season.

Unit RFD-WA3 is open for 7 14 consecutive days beginning on the day following the end of the Unit RFD-WA2 season.

3. Eliminate the 9-day antlerless deer season that begins on the Saturday following Christmas for Sand Lake NWR.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended changes from proposal:

1. Retain the 9-day antlerless deer season that begins on the Saturday following Christmas for Sand Lake NWR.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

Table includes harvest data from Sand Lake, Lacreek and Waubay National Wildlife Refuges.

Year	Licenses	Bucks Harvested	Does Harvested	Total Harvest	Hunter Success
2010	384	89	73	162	23%
2011	329	55	67	122	37%
2012	248	64	31	95	38%
2013	213	63	23	85	37%
2014	200	60	6	66	33%

APPROVE \_\_\_\_

MODIFY \_\_\_\_

REJECT \_\_\_\_

NO ACTION \_\_\_\_

# Refuge Deer - 2015

Unit	Resident Licenses			Nonresident Licenses			License Totals							
	Any D	Any Atl D	2 Any Atl D	Any D	Any Atl D	2 Any Atl D	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	03	09	01	03	09	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
Lacreek Refuge														
RFD-LC1	15			2			15		15	15	2		2	2
RFD-LC2	15			2			15		15	15	2		2	2
Sand Lake Refuge														
RFD-SL1	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
RFD-SL2	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
RFD-SL3	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
RFD-SL4	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
RFD-SL5	20	10		2	1		30		30	30	3		3	3
Waubay Refuge														
RFD-WA1	10			1			10		10	10	1		1	1
RFD-WA2	10			1			10		10	10	1		1	1
RFD-WA3	10			1			10		10	10	1		1	1
TOTAL	160	50		17	5		210		210	210	22		22	22
Unit	Any D	Any Atl D	2 Any Atl D	Any D	Any Atl D	2 Any Atl D	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR	NR	NR	NR
	01	03	09	01	03	09	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags
					RES and NR:		232		232	232				

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# GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

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## Archery Deer Hunting Season 41:06:22

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Season Dates:** September 26, 2015 – January 15, 2016

**Open Area:** "Any Deer" Licenses: Statewide, East River, West River  
"Antlerless Whitetail Deer" Licenses: Unit ARD-LM1

**Licenses:** Unlimited "any deer" licenses  
Unlimited single tag "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses

### Requirements and Restrictions:

1. Resident and nonresident hunters may purchase one (1) statewide "any deer" license or one (1) East River "any deer" license and one (1) West River "any deer" license.
2. Residents and nonresidents may purchase one (1) "antlerless whitetail deer" license.
3. Individuals may purchase one "antlerless whitetail deer" license for Unit ARD-LM1 (see map).
4. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. From Jan 1-15, only "antlerless whitetail deer" licenses are valid.
6. Sand Lake NWR is open Oct 18 – Dec 31, except during the Sand Lake NWR firearm deer season.
7. Waubay Lake State Game Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open through Dec 31, except during refuge deer seasons.
8. Lacreek NWR is open through Dec 31, except during the Lacreek NWR firearm deer seasons.
9. Licensees must obtain an access permit from the Department issued by lottery drawing before hunting Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, Good Earth State Park.

### Proposed changes from last year:

1. For Unit ARD-LM1, provide an exception that would allow hunters possessing an access permit to archery hunt Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve Area.
2. Increase the number of "antlerless whitetail deer" archery access permits from 0 to 20 for the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Year	"Any Deer" Licenses	"Antlerless" Licenses (Tags)	Hunter Success	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	Deer Harvested
2010	19,967	8,349 (10,070)	33%	4,968	4,429	475	328	9,930
2011	20,210	7,857 (10,958)	27%	4,216	3,534	459	193	8,401
2012	20,528	7,700 (9,630)	27%	4,221	3,363	354	135	8,074
2013	20,956	6,395 (8,590)	25%	4,040	2,633	445	158	7,277
2014	21,634	2,8534 (2,853)	26%	4,052	1,487	516	85	6,141

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NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

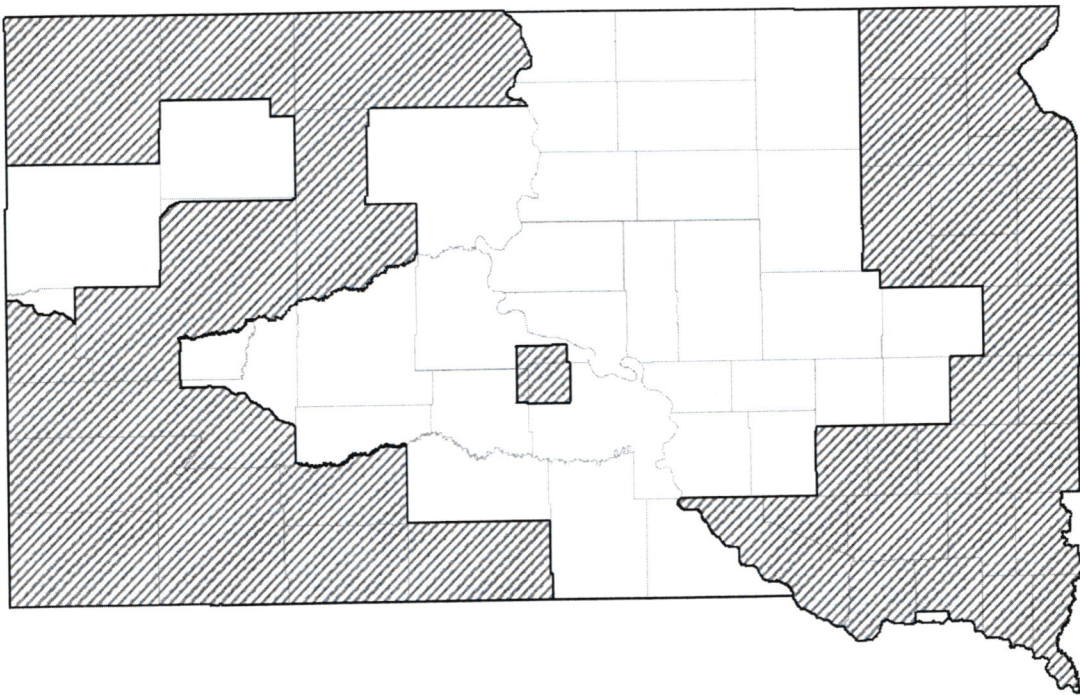
**Archery Deer Hunting Season  
2015 "Antlerless License" Restrictions**

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1. The Unit ARD-LM1 single-tag "antlerless whitetail deer" license is valid in all areas except the shaded areas.
  2. Archery antlerless deer licenses are not valid on Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County.
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**Archery Antlerless Whitetail Deer**

**Unit ARD-LM1**





GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
FINALIZATION

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Application for License 41:06:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Amend 41:06:01:17 as described below:

Current Rule

**41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific West River deer hunting units.** Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt West River deer units 24B, 27L, and 35L. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

Recommended Rule

**41:06:01:17. Access permits required for specific West River deer hunting units and public lands.** Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery, muzzleloader, youth, or mentor deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt West River deer units 24B, 27L, and 35L. Any resident or nonresident deer hunter possessing an archery deer license shall obtain and possess a free access permit to hunt Newton Hills State Park. Unlimited access permits may be issued for each management unit and each free access permit shall be unit specific.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Due to its proximity to Sioux Falls and other populated areas, Newton Hills State Park is heavily used by archery deer hunters. The requirement of free access permits will allow the Department to collect hunter and harvest data for improved management of archery deer hunting opportunities.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_

REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_



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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
CHAPTER 41:09:12

Commission Meeting Dates:

Proposal  
Public Hearing  
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May 7, 2015  
June 4, 2015  
June 4-5, 2015

Custer State Park  
Pierre  
Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Amend 41:09:12:02 (Crossbow and bolt specifications) to allow telescopic sights and lighted sight pins to be used by crossbow permittees.

Recommended changes:

**41:09:12:02. Crossbow and bolt specifications.** Crossbows used under § 41:09:12:01 shall have a minimum of 125-pound pull and be equipped with a functional mechanical safety device. ~~Telescopic sights and lighted sight pins are prohibited.~~ The bolts shall be equipped with broadheads as provided in § 41:06:05:02 41:06:05:01.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal:

NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

**41-8-31.1. Use of crossbow for hunting big game during firearm season.** The provisions of § 41-8-31 notwithstanding, any person who holds a big game license to take a big game animal during the firearm season may take the animal by using a crossbow in lieu of a firearm. As used in this section, the term, crossbow, means a device for propelling a bolt by means of traverse limbs mounted on a stock and a string. The crossbow may be drawn, held, and released by a mechanical device and shall have at least one hundred twenty-five pounds pull and have a working mechanical safety.

**41:06:05:01. Archery equipment restrictions.** A person hunting with bow and arrow may not use or possess any of the following:

(11) An arrow without a broadhead (fixed or mechanical) that has at least two metal cutting edges when hunting a big game animal, except blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting a turkey and both field points and blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting small game or at any time when possessed and used as practice arrows;

**41:09:12:01. Special crossbow permit.** The department secretary or an authorized agent may issue a special crossbow permit to a person who is incapable of using a bow and arrow due to the loss of or use of one or both arms caused by birth defect, injury, or disease or who uses a wheelchair for mobility.

☐ APPROVE

☐ MODIFY

☐ REJECT

☐ NO ACTION



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MOTORBOATS AND WATERCRAFT  
CHAPTER 41:04:05

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Add a provision to 41:04:05:18 that would exempt law enforcement officers from boat lighting requirements if certain criteria are met.

**Recommended changes:**

**41:04:05:18. Lights required--Exception.** From sunset to sunrise in all weathers, each boat must exhibit lights as required in Inland Rules 20 to 30, inclusive, and Annex I--Positioning and Technical Details of Lights and Shapes, and Annex II--Additional Signals for Fishing Vessels Fishing in Close Proximity, as published by the United States Coast Guard in "Navigation Rules, International--Inland," as of August 23, 1982. In lieu of meeting the requirements of the inland rules, a boat may meet the requirements of International Rules 20 to 30, inclusive, and Annex I and Annex II as published in the same document. However, the requirements of this section do not apply to a law enforcement officer, as defined in § 23-3-27, while operating a boat owned, leased, or otherwise the property of the state or a political subdivision, in the performance of the officer's law enforcement duties if the officer's conduct is reasonable, and if the officer reasonably believes that operating the boat without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation or suspected criminal violation of state laws or rules, court orders, or municipal or county laws, ordinances, or regulations. A law enforcement officer may not operate a boat without lights under this section:

- (1) At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather and traffic conditions;
- (2) In situations in which the officer is an active participant in pursuing a boat; or
- (3) Contrary to written policies or procedures established by the law enforcement officer's employer.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended changes from proposal:** NONE

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Periodic situations warrant the operation of a boat without lights by a law enforcement officer. State law (SDCL 32-17-4.1) covers these situations when a motor vehicle is involved, but no provisions exist for when a boat is involved. The proposed language would mirror statutory language pertaining to motor vehicles. This change would facilitate the investigation of suspected criminal violations in which officers periodically encounter on the water.

**32-17-4.1. Circumstances exempting law enforcement officers from use of motor vehicle lights.** The requirements of § 32-17-4 do not apply to a law enforcement officer, as defined in § 23-3-27, while operating a motor vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise the property of the state or a political subdivision, in the performance of the officer's law enforcement duties if the officer's conduct is reasonable, and if the officer reasonably believes that operating the vehicle without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation or suspected criminal violation of state laws or rules, court orders, or municipal or county laws, ordinances, or regulations. A law enforcement officer may not operate a motor vehicle without lights under this section:

- (1) At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road, and traffic conditions;
- (2) In situations in which the officer is an active participant in pursuing a motor vehicle; or
- (3) Contrary to written policies or procedures established by the law enforcement officer's employer.

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## Waterfowl Hunting Season – Special Canada Goose Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:16:08

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 7-8, 2015	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	June 4, 2015	Pierre
	Finalization	June 4-5, 2015	Pierre

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Repeal 41:06:16:08. Special Canada goose hunting unit established – Limited permits – Application.
2. Place Bennett County into Unit 2 of the regular goose hunting season.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Of the 241 license holders that responded to the hunter harvest survey, 54% did not hunt with this license. A total of 149 hunters received multiple licenses, including 18 hunters who received the maximum of 5 licenses each.

Year	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Unique License Holders	Geese Harvested
2010	800	524	800	681	810
2011	800	429	800	605	952
2012	800	406	800	580	1,139
2013	800	468	799	618	671
2014	800	412	800	524	585

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_



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## Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses

Chapters 41:06:02:03, 41:06:16, 41:06:49, and 41:06:50

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>May 7-8, 2015</b>	<b>Custer State Park</b>
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### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

1. Add Spink County to current 9-county northeast SD license unit.
2. Retain the allocation of 500 3-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
3. Allocate 2,000 10-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
4. Allocate 1,750 10-day licenses for the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE SD and SE SD license units.
5. Remove Potter County from the central SD 3-day license unit.
6. Create a new NR license unit in northcentral SD that would include Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Faulk, Edmunds and McPherson counties.
7. Allocate 250 3-day licenses to this new unit in north central SD that would be transferred from the central SD hunting unit.
8. Reduce the license allocation for the central SD hunting unit to 1200 licenses.
9. Transfer 50 3-day licenses from the central SD unit to the existing 5-county unit in southeastern SD along the Missouri River.
10. Absorb the current Bennett County 10-day license into the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE and SE units.
11. Remove the restriction in SE SD on nonresidents hunting during the September Canada goose hunting season.
12. Create 100 NR youth waterfowl licenses (25 season-long licenses in the SE SD unit and 75 10-day licenses valid in the rest of the state).
13. Create 100 nonresident youth licenses that are valid for the youth waterfowl hunting season.
14. Establish the fee for any nonresident youth waterfowl license (Under 16 years of age) at \$10.
15. Amend 41:06:16:11.01 by removing allowances for unsold licenses to be transferred between units:

41:06:16:11.01. Nonresident waterfowl license purchase restrictions -- Unsold licenses and unit transfer dates. A person may purchase only one nonresident waterfowl license for the fall-winter general waterfowl season each year; however, if licenses remain unsold after October 31, an unlimited number of nonresident waterfowl licenses may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis. After October 31, any unsold licenses in Units NRW-00A or NRW-11A may be transferred to Unit NRW-00B. After November 15, any unsold licenses in Unit NRW-00Y may be transferred to Unit NRW-00X with the same provisions as Unit NRW-00X licenses.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Unit	2013			2014		
	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold	Licenses Available	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Applicants	Licenses Sold
NRW-00A	250	380	248	250	328	250
NRW-00B	3,725	5,139	3,723	3,725	4,902	3,725
NGW-ST1	2,000	373	373	2,000	396	396
NRW-11A	25	16	24	25	13	25
NRW-00X	1,500	61	520	1,500	23	410
NRW-00Y	500	779	500	500	935	500
NRW-ST1	10,000	N/A	4,142	10,000	N/A	4,514

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